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HASN'T THE ROUTINE OF BOOZING AND DOUBLE-DIPPING IN THE GUAC GOTTEN OLD? SPICE THINGS UP THIS YEAR!

5. WHINE IN WIDE-SCREEN
Complain about the TV you're watching the game on. A lot. Scoff at its paltry "60 Hz screen refresh rate" and say things like, "Only 720p? What is this, 1957? I got 2160p at home. You can see the sweat beads on Al Michaels' upper lip." Duck.

4. GO VEGETARIAN-FRIENDLY
The only nonmeat option at a football party is typically chicken. Buck that trend and argue that Buffalo tofu-wings are just like the real thing. Bonus points if you brew your own flax-laced beer in your bathtub.

3. MAKE IT A PLAY DATE
Nothing will fire up the party like a bunch of sugar-coated rugrats who scream bloody boredom by the time the coin toss is over. And agreeing to pop in a SpongeBob SquarePants DVD in lieu of the halftime show is an added party killer.

2. INVITE YOUR BOSS
"Oh, none for me, thanks. I'm the kind of guy who likes to be in control of himself at all times. Right, Mr. Levine? Heh-heh... What's that? Oh, that's Photoshopped... I've never even been to a furry convention. I only framed it as a joke..."

1. MAKE IT A THEME PARTY
During commercial breaks, fight "the Hobgoblin" (your cousin Merl) dressed as Spider-Man in between Viagra ads, and try to get as much homemade web fluid on the remote as possible.

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Ladies in Red
Studies show that men find women wearing red more attractive. Studies also show that if you go to Maxim.com, you'll see a bevy of crimson-clad beauties for your perusing pleasure!

V-Day Gift Guide
Whether you've got a sensitive significant other, a girl who digs the Bears as much as you, or even a "girlfriend" you met at "summer camp," we've got the gifts you need to give!

Ground Beef
Did that weasel Punxsutawney (we looked it up) Phil see his shadow again? Then eat his family! Yes, we're giving you the perfect recipe for six more weeks of winter: groundhog stew!

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Dame Helen Mirren pictorials!
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A man walks by an old lady at an ATM. Removing and replacing her glasses, she's clearly having a hard time reading the screen. So she asks the man, **"Please, deary, could you check my balance for me?"** **"Sure,"** says the man. Then he pushes her over.

Overseas Booty Call

An American girl is traveling around the world when she bumps into an American man in a Greek bar. After striking up a pleasant conversation with the girl, he offers her $200 to sleep with him. Short on cash, the American girl reluctantly agrees. This goes on for four more nights before the girl decides she might as well get to know the guy a little better.

"Well," the man says, "I'm from Wisconsin."

"Wow, so am I!" says the girl.

"And I'm from St. Cloud," says the man.

"So am I!" the girl replies.

"And I live on Maple Street," says the man.

"So do I..." says the girl, nervously.

"I know," says the man. "Your dad sent me here to give you $1,000. Enjoy the rest of your trip!"

Womanly Images

A woman speeding down the road is pulled over by a lady officer. The officer asks for the woman's driver's license. After watching the woman fumble around for a few minutes, the exasperated officer says, "Look, it's square and has your picture on it."

"Oh," says the woman, "here you go," and she hands the officer her pocket mirror.

The officer looks at the mirror and quickly hands it back, saying, "I'm sorry, miss. I didn't realize you were a police officer!"

Bird Talk

A woman walks into a pet store wanting to buy a parrot. The shop owner directs her to a beautiful specimen and says, "This one talks, and she's cheap. But just to warn you, her old master owned a brothel."

The woman buys the bird anyway and returns home with her new pet. When her two daughters return home from school, the bird squawks, "Fresh meat!"

A little upset, the woman packs up the bird, intending to take it back. Walking down the driveway, she bumps into her husband and the cloth covering the cage falls off.

The bird looks at the husband and says, "Hi, Sam!"

Make Us Laugh, Funnywoman

ONE KNOCKDOWN-FUNNY JOKE FROM A STAND-UP COMIC.

JOKESTER: NATASHA LEGGERO

HOMETOWN: Rockford, Illinois

BEST WAY TO FIGHT A CROCODILE: "With a purse made from his mom."

FAVORITE ANNE HATHAWAY MOVIE: "The one where I play Anne Hathaway."

SWINE FLU JOKES: BETTER OR WORSE THAN AIDS JOKES? "Swine flu jokes are giving America AIDS."

Check out more of Natasha's funny at natashaleggero.com.

THE HA-HA LIST
BY MICHAEL BRUMM

Dining Etiquette for Chronic Masturbators

Do not put your elbows or penis on the table.

Do not masturbate with your mouth full.

Do not use the table butter as a lubricant.

Do not use your masturbation hand when passing the bread basket.

Do not begin a toast by saying, "Hey, everyone, I'm going to masturbate."

Do not offer to make "dessert."

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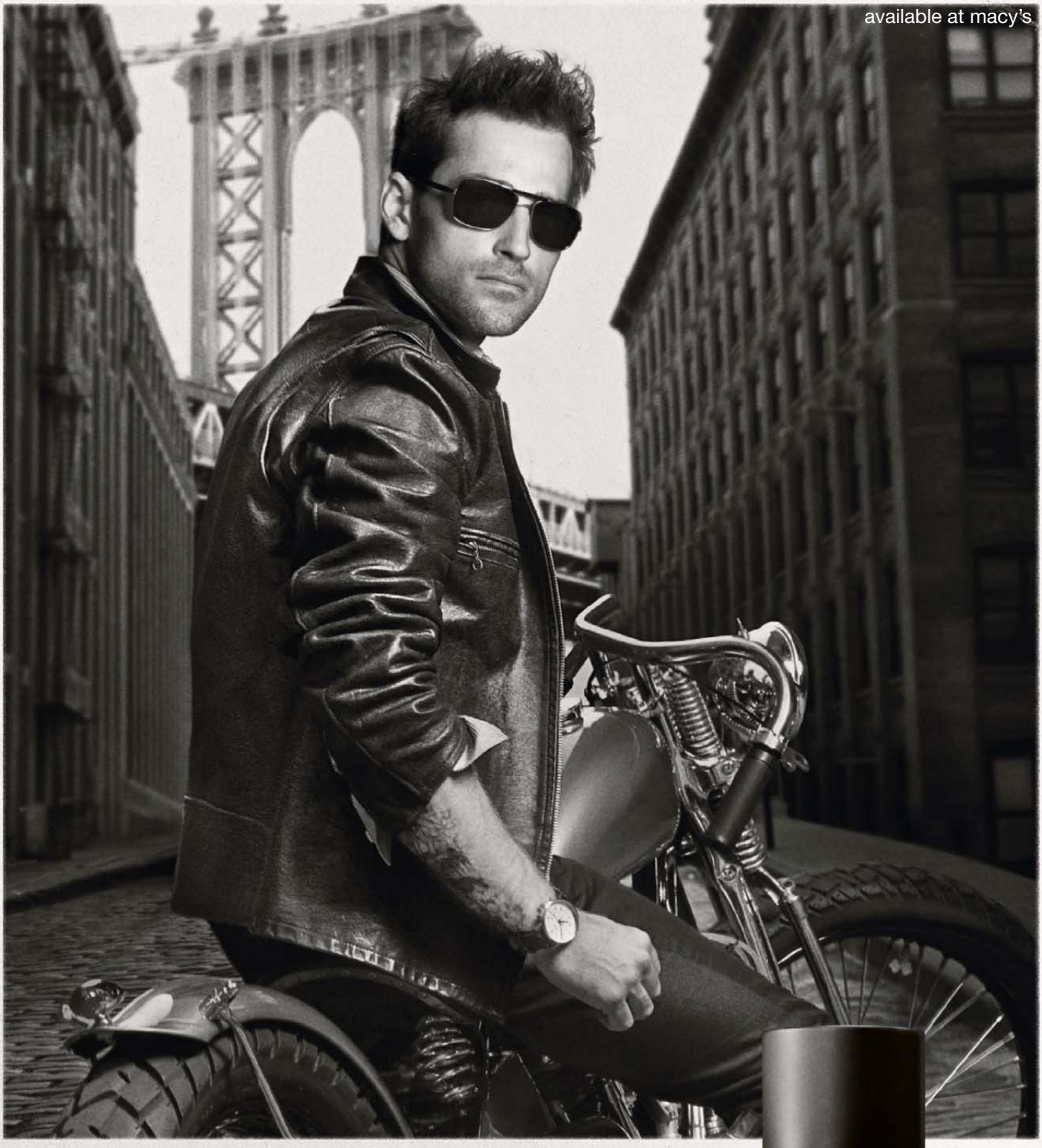

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Twilight of the Goddess

Your pictures of *Twilight* star Ashley Greene ["Love at First Bite," December] were so hot, it's unholy. And it's a good change of pace to see *her* on a magazine cover instead of boy-men like Robert Pattinson. I can't believe I'm saying this, but I actually went to see that tween schlockfest *New Moon* just to get a glance at Greene after reading the interview. I know, I know. Let the shaming begin.

Mike Gorenil via e-mail

The only shame you should feel is for throwing your undies at the screen when Taylor Lautner pulled his shirt off. Save those thoughts for the shower, like the rest of us.

Who's That Girl?

I found a pic of one of the most gorgeous women on Earth... and can't identify her. I'd like to send you guys the picture and maybe you'd know who she is?

Hugo via e-mail

She is gorgeous, Hugo. We put the CSI: Maxim *team on the case, and after a lengthy investigation they determined it's your mom. More photos, please!*

Girl Crazy

I loved your December issue—Ashley Greene, the hot cover girl, and Lilly Robbins, the NFL's sexiest cheerleader! They both really turned me on and made my day!

Papabearlolo via e-mail

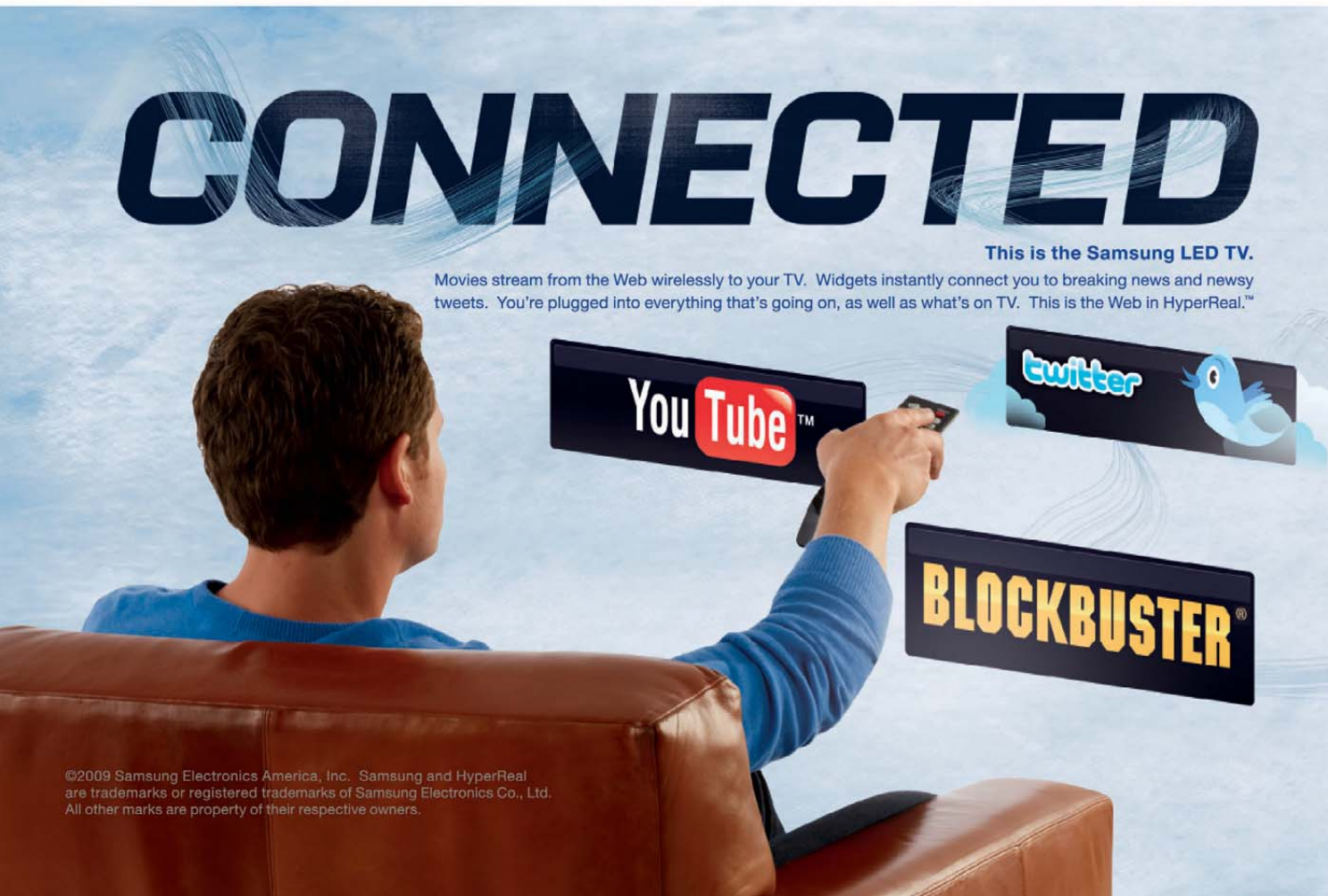
Glad you enjoyed their womanly glory, Papabear. But what about senior editor Patrick Carone, whose photo appeared on page 32? Did he do anything for you? If so, give him a call. Rent's due, and he needs cash fast.

Thongs for Smoking

Your models always wear the sexiest panties. Luckily, my girlfriend puts me in charge of buying all her intimates. Where can I buy the stuff your ladies wear?

Filipos Halikias via e-mail

Good news, Filipos—this very issue comes with a free lingerie special when you buy it at the newsstand. All the panty purchasing info you need is right inside. But tell us more about this "girl" of yours: Is she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anything like our girl, or does she communicate through a means other than restraining order?

Hard to Kill

I read your "Out for Justice" piece [December]. Steven Seagal just so happens to be my idol in the realm of kicking ass. And his TV show happens to be one ass-kicking adventure. Seagal kicks ass all over the place! Finally, I can add kicking ass to the TV scene!

Paul Sybrandy Matamoras, PA

We think it's time for you to buy a kick-ass thesaurus, Paul.

Civil War

Some Minnesotan in the December issue on the letters page attacked my home state of Wisconsin. I always make sure to use the bathroom before getting on a plane to Minnesota. Why? So I don't have to when I land, because nothing there is worth a shit! They will not turn *Maxim* against us.

Bob M. Apra Harbor, Guam

Oh, damn! Minnesota, you gonna let this guy talk smack like this? If we were you, we'd bake cupcakes and mail them to...us. Multicolored sprinkles would totally shut him up.

Hitting the Wall

I was reading the Barry Cooper article ["And Then He Got High," December] and couldn't let this one slide: You said it's *The Wall* that you listen to with *The Wizard of Oz*. Wrong album! It's *The Dark Side of the Moon*! You guys broke my freakin' heart!

Joe Cook via e-mail

We were wrong, Joe, but so are you. Forget Pink Floyd. Put The Wizard of Oz *on with Michael Bolton's* Soul Provider. *The Wicked Witch melts right as "How Am I Supposed to Live Without You" comes on. Your world will be changed forever.*

ALL MAGS ON DECK

For those of us stationed aboard our ship deployed to the Middle East, mail call is an exciting high point in our otherwise mundane lives. This month proved to be extra exciting, due to an error in your packaging and mailing process. Instead of receiving magazines for the dedicated subscribers on just our ship, we received the November issues meant for the entire U.S. fleet!

One Happy Crew Somewhere

Maxim thought we'd try to help out the troops with a surge of sexy! Enjoy! But if the postmaster accidentally sent you our copy of Gerbil Talk, *can you send that back? Thanks, sailor.*

BALLS OF FURY! PING-PONG PRO **BIBA GOLIC** RUNS THE TABLE ON NOT-SO-LUCKY MAXIM EDITOR MIKE DAWSON.

WATCH IT! Witness the beatdown on maxim.com.

THE LESSON

"Yes, Mike, that's the best way to protect your face from my backhand return. Are you shaking?"

THE SCHOOLING

"Is he challenging me? Sure, if by 'challenge' you mean scoring zero points and shrieking every time I hit it hard."

THE BRUISING

"Yes, yes, I'll say it: Queen Biba is master of this table! OK? Please stop beaming me!"

THE SPORTSWOMAN

"No, 11-0 is good against me. Now put some ice on that bruise, Sally. Next!"

BRIAN BERKOWITZ (BIBA GOLIC)

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MY FIRST TIME:

SERINDA SWAN

It's crystal-clear why Serinda Swan is Canada's hottest new export (sorry, timber). The Vancouver-born beauty plays Aphrodite, the goddess of love and sexual desire, in Chris Columbus' new flick, *Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief,* and heats up the screen later this year in the highly anticipated *Tron Legacy*. Read on to learn about the stunner's most significant first times.

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Frederick's of Hollywood bra and panty set

STYLING, VANESSA GELBACH; HAIR, JEN ATKIN AT THE WALL GROUP; MAKEUP, NELLIE KIM USING SHUEMERA COSMETICS AT MARGARETMALDONADO.COM

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First Miscasting
With *Percy Jackson,* I originally went out for the role of Medusa. I was on the set of *Tron* before the audition, so I got the makeup people there to make me look scary. I did all my research and showed up looking like Medusa, but I ended up getting the complete opposite role, Aphrodite. Definitely a compliment!

First Career Epiphany
I'm pretty sure I became an actress solely because of craft services. When you're a kid and there's a lady walking around with a tray of chocolates and other free candy, that's the best reason to be in the industry! In modeling, though, there's the shittiest craft services you've ever seen; it looks like they're feeding rabbits.

First Love Letter
I got some really cute fan mail from an 11-year-old boy, who told me I'm "prettier than a rainbow," which is, like, the sweetest thing any boy has ever said to me. Maybe when he grows up, he'll be able to read this story—and if he is reading this now and he is 11, then, hey, you shouldn't be reading *Maxim*!

First Secret Workout Tip
I pole-dance. I do. I do it at an aerobics center. Having done gymnastics for 13 years, I find it's one of the only things where I can still use my core and all my muscles. Plus, it's fun: You're a girl, and you get to dance around a pole!

First Tell
I go to Vegas and play poker, but when you're playing against the *real* players, you don't have a chance. I've had a guy say, "I knew you were bluffing because your left eye blinked twice." I was like, "What?" They should be interrogators.
—Stephanie Radvan

Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief *invades theaters February 12.*

DUMP HER WITH FLOWERS

SIX PETALED PRESENTS TO ENSURE YOU NEVER SEE THAT SPECIAL GAL AGAIN.

1 NEPENTHES TRUNCATA
Unlike other carnivorous plants that eat bugs, this bastard eats mice. Big, live mice. It does so by drowning the animal and dissolving it in digestive enzymes—it smells pretty much how you'd imagine.

2 TITAN ARUM
Also known as the corpse flower, this giant phallic plant stinks of rotting bodies. It also needs help reproducing, so if you wanted another one, you'd basically have to jerk it off.

3 DRAKAEA GLYPTODON
Not content with smelling like raw meat, this flower can be pollinated by only one insect: the wasp! (The winged insects with stingers, not the white people with Volvos.)

4 CORNUS CANADENSIS
This sucker catapults pollen up to six meters at a time, and with 800 times more G-force than a space shuttle taking off: 24,000m/s². That's right, it's a flower with explosive allergy capabilities.

5 PHALLACEAE FUNGUS
Yep—it's a mushroom that looks like a dick. But its subtle charms don't end there: It's also coated with slime that smells like feces and attracts swarms of flies.

6 ORCHID MANTIS
"Surprise, darling! It's not a lovely pink flower at all—it's a vicious carnivorous insect. I'm off to Cancun; send my things!" *—Nick Leftley*

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BANKER'S DELIGHT
Perched above a beach that would give Gilligan a rager, Maui's **Ritz-Carlton Kapalua** is the place for moneymen to reignite passion with something other than their BlackBerrys. Chill in a luxury cabana while your lady gets rubbed down at the spa. Because it's five hours earlier than EST in Hawaii, you'll be on your third mai tai by the time your buddies are tossing their alarm clocks across the room and berating their butlers. *ritzcarlton.com*

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ICKY ICEBREAKERS SHE WON'T BE RIGHT BACK AFTER THESE MESSAGES.

Online dating site OKCupid analyzed 500,000 introductory e-mails sent by its users and found that men who called women "sexy," "beautiful," or "hot" were least likely to get a response. Here are some other openers you should probably avoid.

"Who's that smoking-hot piece of ass standing next to you in your profile pic? Damn!"

"Hey, what's your favorite gonzo-porn scene? Here's a link to mine!"

"Where were you the first time you heard the Black Eyed Peas?"

"I'd like to meet someone who shares my interest in buying 'gently used' panties on Craigslist."

"Looks don't matter to me. I once masturbated to that chick who got her face ripped off by a chimp."

"You're not from Perverted Justice, are you?"

"First question: Where did you grow up? Second: Are you more into scented oils, salves, or erotic creams?"

"I think it's so cool that you're Asian."

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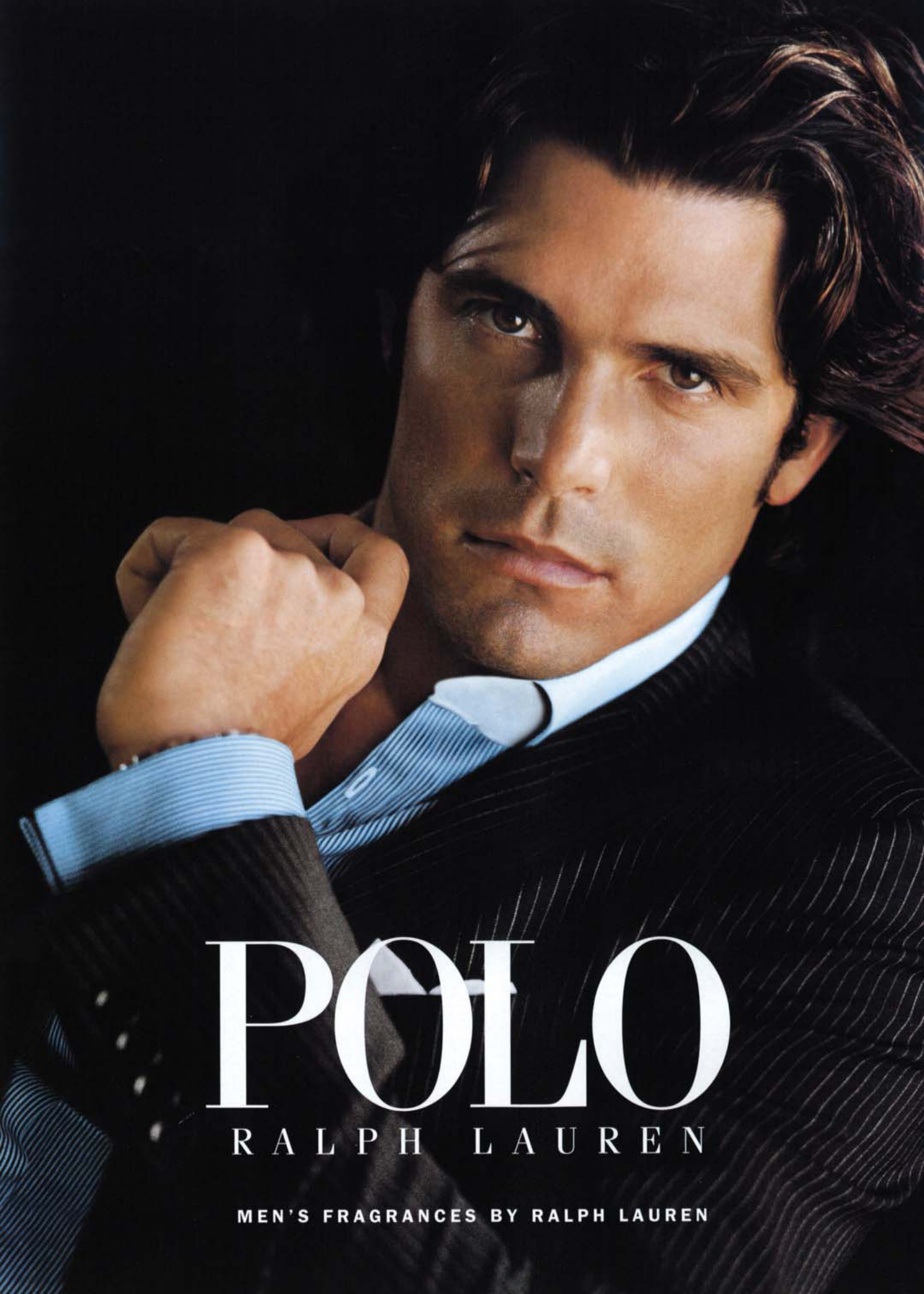
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ROOM WITH A CHEW

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Oh, yes, ladies, he's single.

Ever wonder what life was like for the hamster in your third-grade classroom? Now you can walk a mile in Mr. Muffins' shoes—or, rather, spend a night in his bed of hay—at La Villa Hamster in Nantes, France. For about $225 a night, any twisted tourist can enjoy this rodent romper room, which boasts "amenities" like a water tube for drinking, containers of grain, and the pièce de résistance: an adult-size hamster wheel. (Plus, a kitchen and wi-fi, of course.) The maniac minds behind this hairy experience have something much more normal planned for their next project: an apartment that mimics life in the womb. Paging Dr. Freud!—*Mike Olson*

FLY THE DRUNKEN, HORNY, GRABBY SKIES!

FIVE AIRLINES THAT CATER TO YOUR EVERY VICE. ALL VIRTUES MUST BE TURNED OFF AND STOWED FOR TAKEOFF.

SMOKING: Ryanair
This Irish airline lets you get your nic fix without having to tamper with the bathroom smoke alarms. For 10 bucks you can buy a pack of 10 "smokeless" cigarettes, which look and feel like the real thing but won't inflame the bronchi of the emphysemic senior next to you. Cool!

PORN: Alaska Airlines
This is one of the only wi-fi-equipped airlines that does not block inappropriate content. So fire up *Edward Penishands*. It's even better at high altitudes.

BOOZE: Virgin
Richard Branson wants to get you smashed. Virgin Atlantic and V Australia have fully stocked bars, and Virgin America carries absinthe in the beverage cart. Warning: Perusing SkyMall while under the influence may result in a solar-powered tie rack.

CAFFEINE: Austrian Airlines
They offer 11 different types of specialty Viennese coffee drinks, including an espresso called Wiener Fiaker, which is also what Arnold Schwarzenegger calls his schlong.

WOMEN: EVA Air
The flight attendants fluffing your pillows are required to be female, slim, single, and under 24, and to have a good complexion. Also, they must not be familiar with the term "harassment."—*Laura Leu*

WHAT'S THE WORST THAT COULD HAPPEN?

EXPERTS PAINT SOME UGLY PICTURES OF THE YEAR AHEAD. HAPPY 2010, EVERYONE!

THE WEATHER
"We're due for a Category 3 hurricane to slap the East Coast. It could plunge parts of N.Y.C. underwater," says Dave Price, weather anchor of *The Early Show*. "I bought a surfboard to commute to work. The good news is it smells better than the subway."

IRAQ
"When we leave," says Geoffrey Wawro, author of *Quicksand: America's Pursuit of Power in the Middle East*, "there will be civil war and the big Al Qaeda comeback. The Kurds will secede, the Turks will respond, and that's when the Iranians make a move."

HEALTH
Eric Braverman, M.D., professor of neurological surgery at New York Presbyterian Hospital, says swine flu could mutate and rival the 1918 epidemic that killed 50 million, resulting in a "destabilization of regimes around the world." Achoo!

ENTERTAINMENT
Warns *TV Guide* critic Bruce Fretts, "The video viruses known as the Gosselins will get custody of multiple spin-offs. The eight kids will get their own shows until the world realizes it doesn't care."—*Mike Hammer*

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OUR PICK

HIGHLAND PARK 12-YEAR-OLD
Region: Orkney Islands ($35)
"Good for sipping by the sea," is how KT Tunstall describes this low-cost tipple. The Scottish pop star, who cut her teeth working at the local whisky shop, digs the "toffee-like sweetness, mixed with smoke and salt."
Best for: Bottle-a-day drinkers

GLENKINCHIE 12-YEAR-OLD
Region: Lowlands ($50)
"The nose on this reminds me of being outdoors in Edinburgh. There's a freshness to it," says Tunstall of this Lowland malt with a pleasant bitterness, a touch of smoke, and a smooth finish. "This would be a good starter whisky."
Best for: Scotch newbies

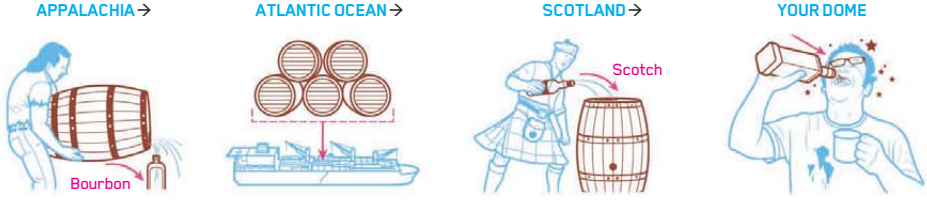
LAGAVULIN 16-YEAR-OLD
Region: Islay ($90)
With eight distilleries, the tiny Isle of Islay is a whisky lover's mecca, and Lagavulin is the top of the heap: Peaty, smoky, salty, and endlessly complex. Not for the faint of heart (or the poor of wallet).
Best for: Showing off for your old man

TALISKER 10-YEAR-OLD
Region: Islands ($50)
"Like the beach at night: saltwater toffee, seaweed, a campfire. It explodes on the palate, then warms your throat all the way down. In fact, a bottle of Talisker is my only real case of diva-tude. I demand a bottle at every show."
Best for: Impressing KT

THE MACALLAN SHERRY OAK 12-YEAR-OLD
Region: Speyside ($50)
"This one makes me excited, like the feeling a kid gets opening new toys," says Tunstall of this classic from Scotland's leading whisky region. "It's very clean tasting, but sweet and spicy."
Best for: Your desk drawer

SINGLE MALT STARTER KILT

THE BEST ENTRY POINT INTO THE WORLD OF SCOTCH IS BY WAY OF YOUR FAVORITE BOURBON.



→ "If you're new to single malt, follow your bourbon to find a mellower whisky that shares many qualities with its American cousin," says John Glaser, chief whisky maker at Compass Box. That's because many distilleries age their scotch in old oak bourbon barrels (see conversion chart, right). One caveat: Single malts made with peat-smoked barley, like Laphroaig (it uses Maker's Mark barrels), won't be mellow–ever. They're for advanced imbibers; newcomers should stick to unpeated bottles.

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GO ROGUE

Need to pull a Sam Fisher and fly under the radar for a *Splinter Cell*–style black ops mission? Here's how to really get off (and stay off) the grid.

STOP LEAVING FOOTPRINTS. "You must sever all ties with every single person you have ever known–forever," says Mike Kirkman, a 40-year veteran of law enforcement and the owner of Las Vegas Detectives. "Most people do not have the capacity to do this. They have to send little notes or call their family." Do you really need to tell Uncle Todd you just hit the penny slots in Reno? Hang up!

CHANGE IS GOOD. If you're fat, get yoked (see workout below); if you're thin, pork up. Rock a Jewfro? Shave the dome. Next, get paperwork to prove you're not you. Kirkman says it's not hard in any city to find folks who can set you up with a new Social Security number and ID. "In Las Vegas you can get those things easily for a few hundred bucks," he says (just don't ask him to help).

KEEP MOVING. People are everywhere these days, so even in the wild the key is to keep moving, says Tony Nester, author of *The Modern Hunter-Gatherer: A Practical Guide to Living Off the Land*. Never stay in one place more than a few days, even when food, drink, and shelter are readily available. Says Nester: "Stay in one place and someone will find you or evidence of you."

ENDURE YOURSELF. Life on the lam has hard realities. You will smell like bad soup. You'll be alone. Nester says that loneliness and depression are the main reasons people return to society. "In the end, we're social creatures," he says. The key is to keep yourself busy–maybe get to all those books you've been wanting to read. Learn French. Knit tiny sweaters for your toes!

FITNESS

THE QUICK AND THE SHREDDED

WANT TO BE A REAL-LIFE SAM FISHER FROM *SPLINTER CELL: CONVICTION*? HERE'S HOW TO BUILD SUPERCHARGED EXPLOSIVE POWER SO YOU CAN GET THE DROP ON ANYONE. PREPARE TO ENGAGE.

Workout by ex-Navy SEAL Alden Mills. Do three sets of each exercise. Rest no more than 30 seconds between sets.

THE ROCKET LAUNCH
Squat down, then jump up. At the top, reach arms and legs out wide. That's one. Do 15. Warning: You'll look like a not very hetero male cheerleader. Face-punch any clowners.

THE ABOUT-FACE
Stand with feet shoulder width apart. Jump up, rotating body 180 degrees. That's one. Repeat for 60 seconds. If you get dizzy and sick, quit crying and keep going, maggot!

THE BULLET DODGE
Balance on right leg. Clench abs. Explode up and to the left, landing on left leg. Now jump right. Do 20. For instant pain squeals, perform while holding a medicine ball.

THE DASH 'N' PUKE
Place two markers 15 yards apart. Start at one and sprint to the second, leaning down to touch it while you change directions. Sprint back to the starting line. Vomit. Do 10.

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MILANO MEGASTAR

FROM THE PAGES OF *MAXIM ITALY*, IT'S THE *BELLISSIMA* **CAMILA TAVARE.** *PREGO!*

Tell us everything about yourself! Don't leave out any details, especially sexy ones.
I am 20 years old and began working as a model at 14. After I finished school, I left home in Brazil and went to Milan. I like going out and having fun with friends—and being a true Brazilian, I adore the sea and the beach.

What would be your dream job?
To walk the runway for Victoria's Secret.

Do you like to throw things at people, like Naomi Campbell?
No, I am not a particularly impulsive person.

What do you like to do with your supermodel cash? Is being rich fun?
I get swept up in enthusiasm and spend a lot! I am, after all, a woman!

Final question: What's more important, love or sex?
The one must be accompanied by the other! They are both important, but unfortunately I am not very lucky in love...

FIVE FUN FACTS ABOUT ITALY

1 Pizza was invented there! (Spaghetti, not so much.)

2 Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi allegedly hosted at least one 20-woman orgy at his villa in Sardinia. Who wants to play hide the prosciutto?

3 Mafia activity accounts for seven percent of Italy's annual GDP. That's $128 billion in non-traceable meatballs.

4 In 1987 the country elected to Parliament a porn star who went by the name La Cicciolina. Among her official endeavors, in 1990 she offered to have sex with Saddam Hussein if he'd leave Kuwait.

5 The Italian language uses only two vowels: "Ay!" and "Oh!"

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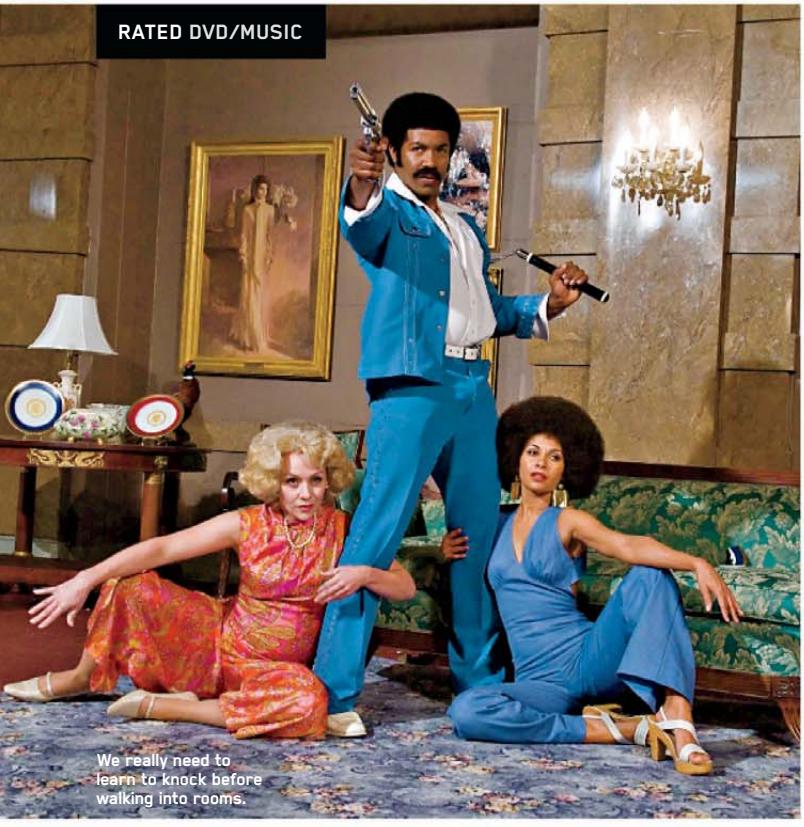
DIVE TALKIN'!

JUMP INTO THE PHILOSOPHICALLY DEEP ***BIOSHOCK 2.***

The mega-anticipated *BioShock 2* returns gamers to the underwater paradise turned hell known as Rapture. An Atlantis meets Wall Street built on free-market philosophy, Rapture is guarded by Jacques Cousteau's worst nightmare, the Big Daddy (see above). In this sequel, first person shooter fans will wrestle with collectivism and other heavy issues...all while smacking the sophistry out of enemies with new weapons and plasmids (superpowers like hand-fired lightning). And this time *you* are one of the Big Daddies fighting for good instead of evil. Guard the genetically engineered Little Sisters as they harvest Adam (the city's currency), and wear the diving suit you once feared. Just don't ask us how you can take a dump in that thing. *–Jesse Brukman*

BioShock 2 comes out February 9.



We really need to learn to knock before walking into rooms.

BACK IN BLACK

The baddest mofo ever to swing a nunchuck takes down the Man in the homage/parody *Black Dynamite*.

The comic smash of Sundance, *Black Dynamite* tells the tale of a smooth dude out to avenge his brother's murder. Cowriter-star Michael Jai White talks turkey on key elements of the '70s blaxploitation genre he so lovingly spoofs.

Black Panthers "They'd plot to overthrow the government, but it would be, like, a handful of brothers standing around a kitchen. Twelve guys are going to lead the revolution?"

Nunchucks "I'm much better with them than it looks in the movie, but I had to keep it basic '70s style."

Vietnam War "My character talks about Chinamen he killed in Vietnam. Those movies were very non-PC."

White Woman "Blaxploitation guys always slipped in a love scene with a white woman. It was like part of a checklist they had to go through. 'Sex with white woman? Check!'"

***Black Dynamite* comes out on DVD February 16.**

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"ELEVATOR"
Welcome to Shady's eighth floor: housewares, women's lingerie, and rhymes about assaulting babies.

Ke$ha
"BLAH BLAH BLAH"
"Don't be a little bitch with your chitchat / Just show me where your dick's at"? Why, we never!

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"GIVING UP THE GUN"
Indie's princes of preppy go big on this zooming arena-rock blast.

Solange
"STILLNESS IS THE MOVE"
Beyoncé's li'l sis funks up a track by pale-faced hipsters Dirty Projectors.

TALES FROM THE STUDIO

THE STRAIGHT DOPE ON THE MONTH'S HOTTEST ALBUMS.

CHAMILLIONAIRE
VENOM
The Houston MC and self-proclaimed "dopest underrated overachiever" spits secrets.

I can't record without: "One Obama-protected iPhone, one highly skilled recording engineer, and two major-label A&R-proof door locks."

This album is a cross between: "A Mayweather uppercut and a Kobe crossover."

The haters will say... "They deserve my success. But if that were true, then they wouldn't have to say it."

MICHELLE BRANCH
EVERYTHING COMES AND GOES
The former *Maxim* cover babe goes country.

Where the magic happened: "All over the place: Nashville, New York City, Los Angeles. I get around."

The money spent making this album could buy: "A two-bedroom condo on a golf course in Napa."

The haters will say... "'You know, I just lost all respect for her after she took her clothes off for *Maxim*.'"

YEASAYER
ODD BLOOD
Singer Chris Keating on the Brooklyn psych rockers' sophomore set.

Where the magic happened: "In Woodstock, New York, at the home of Peter Gabriel's old drummer and his gun-toting blue-haired son."

Studio drug of choice: "Copious amounts of mateine and egg pizza."

Casualties during production: "Twenty-five field mice were killed during the making of this record. We apologize to mice enthusiasts (they were bad mice)."

CHIP AHOY!

Nerdy London quintet **Hot Chip** make electro-pop with a sweet, mushy center. Here the band schools us on five people, places, and other junk that helped shape their fourth album, *One Life Stand*.

1 Detroit
Joe Goddard: "A lot of the tracks, like 'Hand Me Down Your Love,' are very influenced by old Motown and also by Detroit techno artists. We've never been to Detroit, though."
Al Doyle: "I went there once. It was quite depressing."

2 Raymond Carver
Goddard: "He's someone I read when I was, like, 17 and absolutely loved—the spareness of his prose, the way he wrote simple words that emote a lot..."

3 The Piano
Doyle: "We tried to unify the sound of this record by having a couple of instruments we kept returning to. We managed to get this big Steinway into the studio. It's sort of a reference point."

4 Susan Boyle
Goddard: "I found that clip of her from *Britain's Got Talent* really emotional. I took it as inspiration for our song 'Keep Quiet.'"

5 Love
Goddard: "Pop songs about love? Crazy! But we're all in good periods of our lives. This record has the feeling of a comfortable relationship."—*Josh Eells*

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TALES FROM THE PARK SIDE!

A LIQUORED-UP CHAT WITH *PARKS AND RECREATION* STAR **CHRIS PRATT.**

When the bumbling Andy (Chris Pratt) fell into a pit and broke both his legs, he set off a small Indiana town's crusade to turn a construction site into a park. Now the struggling musician is as much a part of the Pawnee Parks Department as bureaucratic red tape and old-fashioned ineptitude. Pratt breaks down life in funnyville.

There's full-frontal nudity!
"We were filming a scene where Amy Poehler's character is surprised to see Andy naked, but it wasn't eliciting the response I wanted. So I pulled down the skin-colored skivvies you wear and was *really* naked. Everyone thought it was awesome, but NBC said I can't do that. Apparently, there's a protocol when you get naked on a set. You have to let people know so they can say, 'No, I'd rather not see Chris' cock and balls.'"

Smiling is fun.
"We're working with a lot of comedians, so naturally people goof around. You don't have to sequester yourself in your trailer and think awful thoughts about your childhood to prepare yourself to cry."

Things don't get heavy.
"There's a broadness to the show. Andy can do something ridiculous, but there aren't any consequences. It's like a Marx Brothers comedy: A piano can smash someone in the head, and in the next scene they're fine. You don't ask, 'Wouldn't there be brains all over the place?'"

Chris is enjoying himself. Maybe a little too much.
"Every once in a while, I smile and go, 'Is this really what I do for a living?' *[coughs up phlegm]* Sorry, I'm hung over. I had a little bit of whiskey last night...and next thing I knew I had too much."
–Mike Olson

"Hurry up, that spin class starts in five."

PECS APPEAL

SPARTACUS: BLOOD AND SAND IS A NEW TAKE ON THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS BARE-CHESTED GLADIATOR.

Don't let the loincloths and Birkenstocks fool you: Starz' latest original series is not the same old men-crossing-swords fare. *Spider-Man* helmer Sam Raimi revives the tale with cutting-edge technology that makes images pop like in a graphic novel. Staying true to history, the gladiators fight shirtless...But Spartacus isn't the first TV legend to lose his top. A few of our favorite man-boobs.

1 BRODY JENNER *Bromance*
You can't spell his name without "bro," and you can't help but see his nips 24/7 on MTV.

2 PAPA SMURF *Smurfs*
The beard says, "I'm gentle," but the red tights say, "Step to the fire and get burned!"

3 DAVID HASSELHOFF *Baywatch*
Not a wisp of hair dared to be out of place on that skinscape of life-rescuing magnificence.

4 DANIEL WRIGHT *The Biggest Loser*
Thanks to the magic of TV, we've seen his heaving chesticles *twice.–Stephanie Radvan*

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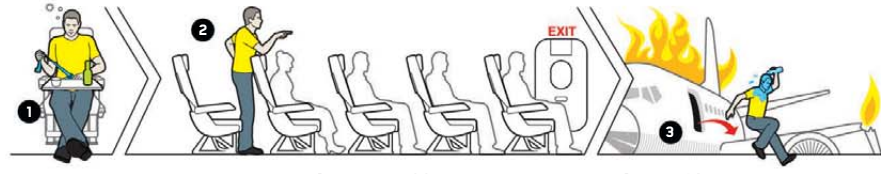

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The lusty *Lost* mainstay teaches us how to say "sexy" in Korean.

It's been more than five years since the survivors of Oceanic Flight 815 crashed into our prime-time lives. When we last saw the sweet yet cagey Sun-Hwa, so lusciously portrayed by Korean beauty Yunjin Kim, she was reunited with her presumed-deceased husband, Jin...But, of course, he didn't die and ended up in a time warp because this is *Lost*, people. Here are the reasons we worship Yunjin.

She likes to kick ass. And Sawyer.
"Playing Sun as more of a dark and tough character last season was short-lived but so much fun. We need more of that, don't you think? And if I had to choose between Jack and Sawyer, Sun would probably be a better match with Sawyer. He'd bring out her badass side more."

She's bilingual.
"I speak fluent Korean, so if you wanted to impress a Korean girl, you could call her 'sexy *han yeo ja*.' Although you could probably just say 'sexy lady,' because Koreans actually use the words 'sexy' and 'lady' a lot."

She's not afraid to get dirty.
"There are times on set when it gets so hot and I'm covered with sticky sand and I think I'm just gonna faint and die from the heat. But then I look up and see the beautiful Hawaii ocean, and it takes my breath away."

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That's *one* way to cut down on heating bills.

HELL'S ANGEL

Paul Bettany flexes his muscles—and his wings—as heaven's own Terminator in *Legion*.

If you hope to lure Brit actor Paul Bettany (the albino from *The Da Vinci Code*) into your movie, it's going to take some finesse. "They pitched me this movie with an intellectual slant," explains Bettany. "And I said, 'Do I get to kill zombies? All right, I'll do it!'" Such was the birth of *Legion*, which stars Bettany as rebellious archangel Michael out to halt God's plan to CTRL+ALT+DELETE all of mankind—with the aid of automatic weapons. "I did a lot of image searches for angels, and they've all got armor and swords and spears. We've just modernized the weapons. Which is kind of fabulous—angels with guns." *Legion* culminates with Michael and a small band of humans (including *Friday Night Lights* fox Adrianne Palicki) holed up in a Mojave Desert diner staring down biblical plagues. Bettany was fine with locusts and demons, but weeks in the desert? "I like mountains and green, and I thought, I'm going to go bananas out here," he laughs. "But I really fucking liked it."—*Eric Alt*

MANGA MANIA

HAVING USED EVERY COMIC BOOK EVER DRAWN, HOLLYWOOD TURNS TO MANGA FROM JAPAN. *KONICHIWA*, BITCHES!

	AKIRA	COWBOY BEBOP	DEATH NOTE
PLOT	This nuclear apocalyptic nerdfest follows a telekinetic teenager battling an evil government.	Interplanetary bounty hunters cruise the galaxy and kick terrorist ass in their spaceship, *Bebop*, in 2071.	A high schooler finds a killer notebook: Anyone whose name is written in it dies.
STARRING?	**Leonardo DiCaprio** and Joseph Gordon-Levitt	**Keanu Reeves** to play Spike Spiegel	If our prayers are answered, **Robert Pattinson**
GEEK LOVE	A reboot of Katsuhiro Ôtomo's manga classic is almost as highly anticipated among sci-fi fiends as a Cylon-on-Cylon sex tape.	Online dorkerati have spent more time debating whether Keanu is right for the part than attending to their own out-of-control backne.	It's spawned three flicks in Japan, but Pattinson as Death Note would be the hottest pairing since the Tri-Lams partied with the Omega Mus. *–Chris Wilson*

THE CHECKUP

SIFTING THROUGH THE CINEMATIC HEAP.

	KIDS = PROBLEMS	ACTION STAR WUSSIFIED	JOBS GONE WRONG	BIG STARS AND LITTLE PEOPLE	INSPIRED BY A BOOK	INSPIRED BY AN EASY PAYCHECK	OUR TAKE
THE SPY NEXT DOOR While baby-sitting his neighbor's kids, secret agent Jackie Chan winds up fighting Russian baddies when the kiddies get sucked into his mission.	✗	✗	✗		↻	↻	If you're a fan of the "tough guys as baby-sitters" genre, this may be for you. No word whether Chan will be donning a tutu à la Hulk "Mr. Nanny" Hogan.
TOOTH FAIRY Dwayne Johnson stars as an aggressive hockey player who is charged with taking on Tooth Fairy duties after being mean to youngsters.	✗		✗	✗	↻	✗	Oh, *that's* where the tutu went! The ex-wrestler continues his descent into the fetid world of family comedies.
PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS: THE LIGHTNING THIEF A young boy discovers he's a demigod and sets out to find Zeus' missing lightning bolt.	✗	↻	↻	✗		↻	An ensemble cast of comedians (Steve Coogan!), hot women (Uma Thurman!), and ex-Bonds (Pierce Brosnan!) may just trigger a newfound interest in Greek mythology.

MUST BUY NOW

Parks and Recreation's Aziz Ansari claims he received 53 standing ovations while filming his stand-up special **Intimate Moments for a Sensual Evening.** Decide if he's lying when it comes out on DVD. *$15*

CHECK THIS TOUR

On February 20, Jay-Z resumes his **BP3 Tour** to support his record-breaking 11th number one album. Make sure to catch him before he wraps up in L.A. on March 26; he may just decide to retire (again).

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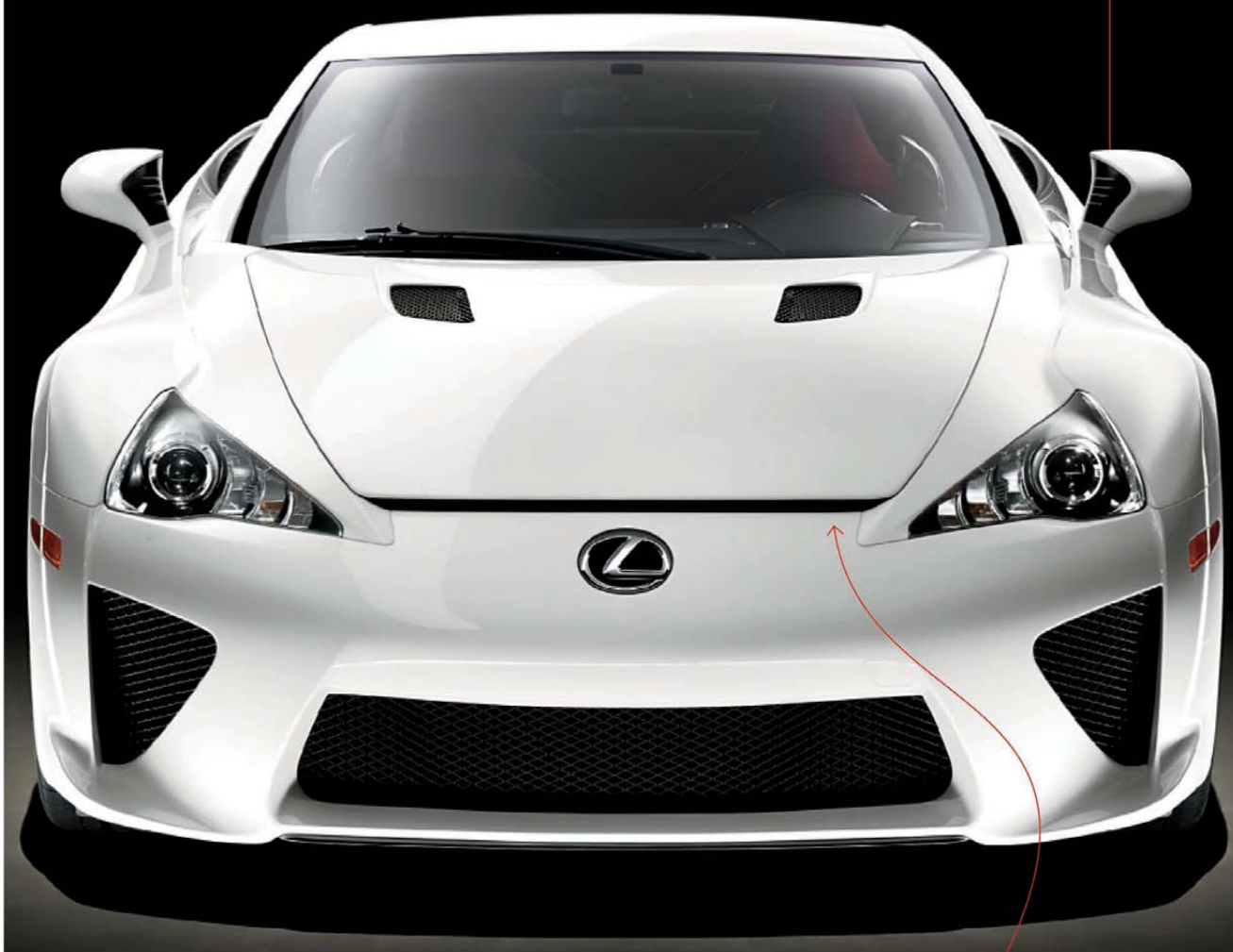

SAMURAI SUPERCAR

THE TECH BEHIND THE BEAST FROM THE EAST: LEXUS' $375,000 LFA.

Nice but neutered. Such was the reputation of Lexus—until they finally dropped a Ferrari-slaying supercar onto the gearhead galaxy after years of speculation. Naturally, we were there to greet it—the only LFA prototype in the country, that is—at Fontana, California's Auto Club Speedway. A few hot laps left us practically breathless (as a stratospheric supercar should; anything less and we would've been pissed). Its V-10 whines and roars with slack-soiling sonority, and the surprisingly touchy throttle and flat handling show a willingness to slip into sweet, seductive power slides at the drop of an artfully crafted aluminum pedal. Thing's crazy. Order now to get yours next year—only 500 will be made. This supercar is so unlikely it may never happen again.—*Basem Wasef*

METAL HEART
Assembled at Toyota's F1 engine plant, the cylinder liners of the LFA's 552 hp V-10 are sprayed with a layer of iron plasma that's one molecule thick. The power plant revs from idle to 9,500 rpm in 0.6 seconds. Easy on the throttle, Jack!

THE SKELETON
The LFA's price tag is stratospheric thanks in part to its carbon-fiber chassis, trimming its total weight to around 3,300 pounds. The lightweight roof header rail was built using the world's only circular carbon-fiber loom. Would've been a bitch to crochet!

THE DOWN-LOW
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DIGITAL DISPLAY
The analog-looking tachometer is actually a projected LCD image. Push a button on the steering wheel and more gauges are revealed, including one that measures how many inches are being virtually added to your wang.

SWEET SOUND
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6. WHAT A CROCK

Slow cookers are great for game-day dude food: chili, pulled-pork sandwiches, bananas foster. But most of 'em make your bachelor pad look like Ma's country kitchen. That's why we like the sleek stainless-steel style of the **Crock-Pot SCVT650-PS**. It's smart, too: A touch-screen counts down the minutes and seconds until face-stuffing time. $130, crock-pot.com

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VICTORY LAP

Four-time NASCAR champ Jimmie Johnson's off-season ride? It's even more powerful than his Sprint Cup car.

So what does the world's best driver steer during the off-season?
It's a '67 Chevrolet Camaro—I think. Or a 1968. There's a debate. Some true Camaro guys see it and say, "No, you've got it wrong. It's a 1968." Others disagree. I don't have a clue.

You do know where the engine came from, though.
Yeah, it's got a story. In 2004 we had a team plane go down and lost 10 friends and family members. One of them was Randy Dorton, who ran our engine department. The shop built an engine in memory of him and auctioned it off. I won, and built the car around it.

How much power does it put out?
It's a stock-car engine, capable of turning 10,000 rpm. It does 850-plus horsepower.

How long did it take to put together?
Um, four times longer than it should, as anyone working on a custom car knows. It's like wine. You just gotta let a half-done project sit and age.

Ever been pulled over?
No, I've been pretty fortunate on that front. But were there moments when I should have been? Without a doubt. Driving from Southern California to Vegas for races, there's a long stretch of desert. I like to have fun out there.

Is it true that you get carsick?
I've had that problem since I was a kid. Any winding roads, the teacups at the fair, roller coasters...At a certain point I turn white and get sick to my stomach. New York City cabs are really the worst things in the world for me. But if I'm behind the wheel, I'm fine.

Of all the places you've done burnouts, where was your favorite?
I did a burnout on Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills once. Weeks later I drove down the street and saw my mark was still there. Proud moment!
—Jesse Will

24/7 Jimmie Johnson: Race to Daytona premieres on HBO on January 26.

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The Pez will refill itself. It just needs to roll over and watch ESPN for a while.

Here's a little secret from inside Female Nation: Hallmark and Hollywood may have you convinced that all women have Valentine's Day Advent calendars that help us breathlessly count down the days to an extravagant meal and a dramatic declaration of love. But the truth is, we don't like February 14 any more than you do. Even when I have a boyfriend for the big day, I still feel like a douche sitting among other googly-eyed couples, splitting a chocolate lava cake, knowing the only benefit to the forced dinner date is the sex I'll have when I get home.

And what do single girls do on Valentine's Day? Sit home alone with a box of Cap'n Crunch, watching *27 Dresses* and wiping away lonely tears? Hardly. A 2008 poll by dating site OKCupid.com revealed that only nine percent of women thought having a date on Valentine's Day was "important." And when I asked one friend about her best V-Day memory, it didn't even involve a significant other. "I had an awesome one-night stand one year," she said. "A bunch of my single friends went out and found that the bars were full of single dudes getting drunk. It was like we'd all hit the jackpot. I think a few of us hooked up that night, not just me."

Valentine's Day may belong to couples, but play your cards right and you'll be able to find pockets of single women looking to give the ol' one-finger salute to romance and a purring hello to hot sex—no flowers, jewels, or candy hearts required. Here's how to get in on the action.

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

Single girls who decide to go out on Valentine's Day are all about making the night feel kick-ass. "As much as I'm proudly single, I feel a little lame hanging at the local watering hole just getting bombed with one other single friend," says Sarah,* a 27-year-old actress in New York. "Last year a few of us decided to go see a band play and had the best time dancing and drinking and meeting boys. I gave my number to two different guys—one of whom called right after we left the show. He was rewarded with a 2 A.M. invite to my place. We didn't even make it out of the front hall before I was going down on him."

Jenny, a 25-year-old Web designer, had a similar idea—get off the barstool and *do* something. "A bunch of my friends went bowling last year," she says. "The place is kind of a lounge as well as a bowling alley, and it was packed. We couldn't believe how many people were there! It was like finding a colony of survivors in the midst of a zombie invasion." Jenny's group ended up doing shots with the guys in the next lane, then joining them for a game. Later she accompanied one of them to his apartment for a nightcap. "We started going at it in his living room, and I was being really raunchy and loud," she says. "Something about the fact that it was Valentine's Day made me feel way sluttier than normal. It was like, 'I'm not your girlfriend—I want you to *fuck* me.'"

Don't be afraid to hit up a restaurant on Valentine's Day, either. While you might assume they'd all be full of couples, there are plenty of lively spots well-suited for groups that will attract single girls: You just have to

*SOME NAMES HAVE BEEN CHANGED.

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have the balls to approach a table of boozy ladies. "I always see crowds of women out on Valentine's Day," says John Byrd, bartender at Radegast restaurant and beer garden in Brooklyn, New York. "Seems like they want to drown out any reminder that they're single. And when men work in pairs, groups of women will immediately welcome them into their fold." Major bonus for the lucky few who work at a restaurant: You've got an easy icebreaker. "The one time I hooked up with a guy on Valentine's Day, he was actually the restaurant owner," says Danielle, a 28-year-old writer in Chicago. "He was so cute and sent free desserts and shots over to our table. I ended up hanging at the bar after we all ate, and I stayed until closing time. He walked me to my corner and went in for the kiss. I invited him up, and we fucked three times before he left in the morning."

TAKING AIM

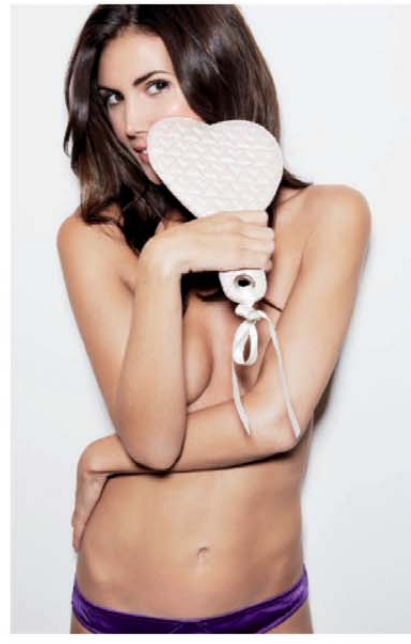
Seems impolite to say that hitting on single girls on Valentine's Day is like shooting fish in a barrel, but...well, it kind of is. "I'd totally make out with any cute guy who flirted with me on Valentine's Day," says Marisa, 26, a corporate attorney. "Girls who are single are made to feel bad about it on V-Day. So if I'm out and a guy expresses interest in me, why not go for it? Other nights I might be more selective, but on Valentine's Day? You have to hook up with someone if you have the opportunity."

"It's a fun way to validate your single status," agrees Jill, who already has a bar picked out where she and a few friends will "celebrate" come February 14. "I'd love to have some juicy ammo for when people ask me what I did that night. Telling your smug coupled-up friends, 'I got laid on Valentine's Day, too, except by a hot, horny stranger,' is kind of awesome. It doesn't take a ton of effort on the guy's part. Just be friendly and flirty and make it seem like you like me."

Still, although you can safely assume that women playing darts and beer pong at the dives are single and looking to mingle on this night, it's best to be tactful in your approach. "I actually had this guy ask me why I wasn't out with my boyfriend," says Maggie, a 27-year-old teacher in New Orleans. "I know he was trying to flatter me, but instead he made me feel insecure. So I asked him why he wasn't out with his girlfriend, and he said she'd just left him, and then he got really sad. The whole exchange was lame and awkward."

Sometimes mentioning that you recently broke up with someone actually can be a pretty good way to get a woman interested—it shows you're not a total Neanderthal. "I met a guy at a bar on Valentine's Day who told me he'd split up with his girlfriend a month before, and he felt like a loser being out but didn't know what else to do that night," says Mary, a 24-year-old grad student. "He said Valentine's Day makes single guys feel like dicks. We ended up making out all night at the bar, and then I went home with him. Who knows if he was lying? And who cares?"

Whatever your approach, keep your bag of tricks at home. "Last year there was a tool at the bar who had a bouquet of roses, and he kept handing them out to cute girls, saying they deserved a beautiful flower,"



says Angie, a 28-year-old marketing manager in San Francisco. "We were all like, 'Dude, we see how many other women here are holding one of your roses.'" If women are sensitive creatures, it's especially true on this night, and as much as we crave some attention and a little action, we never want to feel like one of those fish in the barrel. Really, all you need to do is strike up a normal conversation. And don't be afraid to approach the hottest chick in the group—chances are, she's wondering why a cutie like herself is solo and will welcome your offer to remedy the situation.

SHOT THROUGH THE HEART

There is a more straightforward way to go about getting laid on Valentine's Day, and it might not even involve leaving your house—at least initially. Believe it or not, a lot of girls who are lonely on the big night will troll the Web looking for something–or some*one*—to do. "On Craigslist there are a ton of people posting 'Lonely on Valentine's Day?' ads," says Wendy, a 27-year-old musician in Seattle. "Last year I was in Wisconsin on a gig, so I posted something about looking for someone to do something fun with. A hot guy sent back his picture and was right around the corner from my hotel, so I met him for a drink. Soon we were back in my room screwing like crazy. It was the best way I could have spent an otherwise sad and boring night."

Another friend who regularly uses the Internet to hook up agrees that sites like Match and Nerve are blowing up that night. "I field more winks on Valentine's Day and other holiday nights than on any regular night," she says. "If you purely want to get laid, there are plenty of girls willing to accommodate you. For us it's the best of both worlds: We get a no-strings orgasm, and we don't have to look desperate sitting at the end of a bar somewhere." Just don't be a psycho, like the guy who posted this Craigslist ad: "I buy you Valentine's Day candy, in return you suck my cock." Um, no. Romance may not be the point here, but you can still be civilized.

And what if you've been harboring a crush on a single lady for weeks, months, even years? Is Valentine's Day the proper time to reveal your attraction? Or will she find a confession on the Most Romantic Day of the Year a little creepy? As one single gal put it, "If a guy has a crush on me, there's no bad day for him to tell me." In the end, as much as we grouse about how corny Valentine's Day is, how it's strictly a commercial holiday with no real meaning, how we have absolutely no desire to spend that night meandering down a charming city street holding hands... we might be willing to make an exception. ●

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HOME-COOKED MEAL	"I love you so much, I put my heart and soul into this dinner."	"I lied about getting that holiday bonus."
TICKETS TO A SHOW	"I hate musicals, but I'll take you to one because you love them."	"There's something I need to tell you about me and my friend Dan."
ENGAGEMENT RING	"Fine, here you go. All your harping has paid off."	"You're the only one for me, and I can't wait to spend my life with you!"

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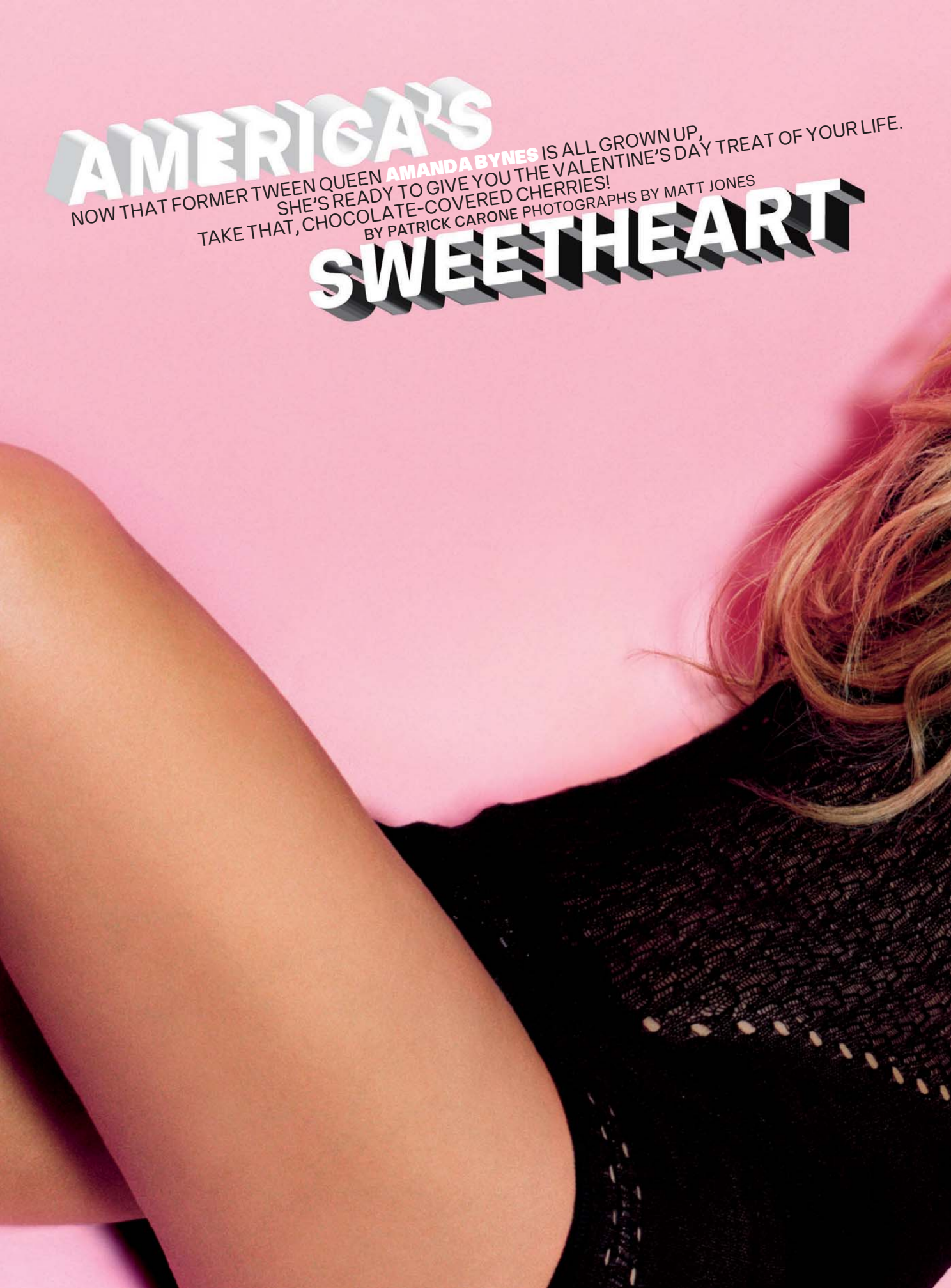
AMERICA'S SWEETHEART

NOW THAT FORMER TWEEN QUEEN **AMANDA BYNES** IS ALL GROWN UP, SHE'S READY TO GIVE YOU THE VALENTINE'S DAY TREAT OF YOUR LIFE. TAKE THAT, CHOCOLATE-COVERED CHERRIES!

BY PATRICK CARONE PHOTOGRAPHS BY MATT JONES



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Elle Macpherson bra and panties, **Oscar de la Renta** robe, **Brian Atwood** shoes. (Opposite) **Diesel** shorts, **D&G** top, **Raw** necklace. (Previous page) **Max Azria** dress, **DKNY** and **Victoria's Secret** bras

Valentine's Day is rough.

Whiny girlfriends, crowded restaurants, and candy-induced bellyaches make it dudedom's least favorite holiday. So this year we're giving you the gift you *really* want: America's sweetheart, Amanda Bynes! Though she burst onto the scene as a perky tween on Nickelodeon's *All That,* the Cali native has blossomed into one of Hollywood's hottest talents, with starring roles in more TV shows and movies than we can name. And she's just getting started. Amanda, will you be ours?

Posing for us is the greatest Valentine's Day gift we can imagine. Thank you!
I'm honored! I had the best time on this shoot. I think every shot I did was sexy. Some people still see me as a kid, but I'm a 23-year-old woman now.

You want to show the world you're all grown up?
I want to show people who I am. My parents were like, "Does this mean you're gonna do sexy movies now?" I said, "Well, if they're done the right way, then maybe!" I mean, I'm not gonna do porn, but if it's a Leonardo DiCaprio movie or whatever...

Oh, we get it. If a scene involves making out with Leo DiCaprio, then it's OK?
Ha, yeah, then I wouldn't mind! Point is, it's time for me to start making my own decisions.

How old were you when you started acting?
Ten. I had taken a class at the Laugh Factory, and producers from *All That* were in the audience at the graduation show. That's where it all began.

Is it true Richard Pryor saw you perform?
Yeah. I have, like, full-on footage of him watching me at the Comedy Store. He was in a wheelchair and sick, but he complimented me.

How was being a Nickelodeon star?
All That was the cool thing for its day. It was almost like being on *SNL* as a kid. And back then Nickelodeon was a lot more hopping than Disney. Disney wasn't what it is now.

Did you feel any Nick versus Disney competition?
I kind of did. They definitely didn't want us going over to the "other side." They wanted you to stick with them as if you were under contract. I couldn't care less these days. I'd happily work for Disney.

Nick Cannon was on *All That* with you. Have you met his wifey, Mariah?
I actually did. I bumped into them once. But you know how the business goes—I rarely see Nick.

You've since starred on the WB's *What I Like About You* and hit movies like *What a Girl Wants, She's the Man,* and *Hairspray*. Any good stories?
Christopher Walken, who was in *Hairspray,* told me, "You look like a *Playboy* bunny I once knew." I was like, "Awww!" He was so cool.

And you have a movie called *Easy A* coming soon?
Yup. It was the funniest script I've ever read. My character is like Reese Witherspoon in *Election* meets Rachel McAdams in *Mean Girls.* I'm the queen of my high school, and Emma Stone's character starts to take over my reign. I'm super bitchy, which is different from other roles I've done. I just hope I don't get typecast.

Considering your background in sketch comedy, would you like to be on *SNL*?
Not as a cast member—I have other things going on now. But hosting is a total dream of mine.

You're young and hot in Hollywood, yet you aren't splashed all over tabloids. Do you ever go out?
Of course, but I don't want to be photographed doing it. There are some girls who want that, but I try to sneak in places through the back.

So you don't want to get dolled up every time you leave the house.
I don't, because I'm not crazy. I don't have a hair-and-makeup team that sleeps over every night.

Are you single? We must know.
I like someone right now.

Really? Does he know?
Yes! Hopefully we'll end up becoming an official couple, but that's something we both have to decide. Right now we're vibing, so that's cool.

Do you have a specific type?
I never really say I have a type, because every guy I've liked has looked physically different. Most guys I've dated started as friends, though. Treat me like a friend and maybe you can become a boyfriend.

We like to say, "Love is friendship caught fire."
I love that, because the fire part is when you want to make out and call them your boyfriend.

Are you a fan of Valentine's Day?
Valentine's Day is very important to me! Every girl is a fan. All girls care about is love, so they're into a holiday about love. Guys, if you're smart, you should make that day really special and romantic.

Best V-Day gift: flowers, chocolate, or lingerie?
I like jewelry, because it's forever. Flowers die, chocolates get eaten, and lingerie eventually gets worn out in the wash. Plus, the girl is reminded of you every time she wears it. It's a wise move.

National Treasures

Amanda joins the pantheon of America's sweethearts.

JULIA ROBERTS
A prettier woman we've never known. She once married an ugly!

MARY TYLER MOORE
She got Dick Van Dyke to stand up straight.

MEG RYAN
We spend every New Year's watching *When Harry Met Sally.*

JENNIFER LOVE HEWITT
We'd like to make her middle name to her.

SALLY FIELD
As the Flying Nun, she made us think sinful thoughts.

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Topshop sequined top,
Elle Macpherson panties

"Treat me like a friend and maybe you can become a boyfriend."

★ Every minute of every day, brewmasters give bubbly birth to new sudsy delights. We sipped hundreds and hundreds of the brain-softening beauties and, when we woke up three days later, declared these to be the 25 tastiest, most life-affirming concoctions to hit the shelves recently. We dare you to take a slug and not smile!

BY **MIKE DAWSON** PHOTOGRAPH BY **ADAM LEVEY**

BROTHERS
ORIGINAL
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BREW OR DIE IPA
SIERRA NEVADA BREWING CO
SAMUEL ADAMS
SIXFOX
OSKAR BLUES
Chocolate, USA
WHITE UFO
CLIPPER CITY
MARZ HON
INTERCOURSE
BLUE BALL PORTER
BREWING COMPANY
I'M READY FOR MORE INTERCOURSE
DESCHUTES
Dogfish Head
Craft Brewed Ales
SIERRA NEVADA
Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.
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SEXUAL CHOCOLATE
IMPERIAL STOUT
BEST BREWERY AS VOTED BY THE LOCALS
Barley Brown's
PALE ALE
ALICO
AMBER ALE
LAKES
ORGANIC LIFE

PORKSLAP

Style: Pale Ale

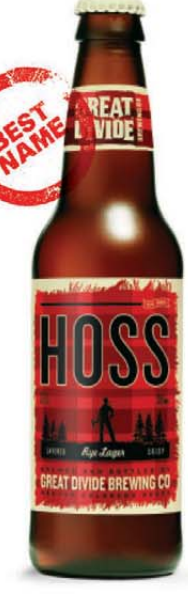
BREWERY: Butternuts Beer & Ale, Garrattsville, NY

★ Don't let the cartoon piggies tummy-thumping on the can fool you—Porkslap provides some serious suds action. Pour this classic American pale ale into a glass and you'll notice its striking orange color. Take a sip and you'll be struck by its malty, hoppy goodness. Pour some on your jeans and you'll be all wet. Pork power!

Drifter

Style: Pale Ale
Brewery: Widmer Brothers, Portland, OR

★ A light and airy pale, Drifter is like an awesome roommate who pays the rent on time and can persuade any group of hot girls to head back to your place for an after-party. Move this guy into your fridge fast. Your sex life just may depend on it.



Hoss

Style: Rye Lager
Brewery: Great Divide Brewing, Denver

★ An old-world Bavarian brew style in which rye replaces some of the barley, this plaid-frocked fun punch epitomizes the genre: Sweet and crisp, with woody undertones.

MAXIM'S FAVORITE BEER BURG:
PHILADELPHIA

→ Sure, Portland, Oregon still produces great suds (Widmer, Hopworks)—and, yes, you P-town natives are so cool because you all can telemark ski—but the crown of Best Beer Town has been swiped from you guys and smuggled back east to the scrappy and beer-soaked City of Brotherly Love. Here's why:

THE NEW BREW SCHOOL
There are dozens of beer makers in and around Philadelphia that are crushing national and international taste-test contests like the Great American Beer Festival and Beer World Cup. Translation: Philly is producing big-flavored craft beers that are super drinkable. The notables: Victory, Iron Hill, Sly Fox, Stoudts, Nodding Head, and Triumph. Sit and spin, Portland!

THE MAYOR TAPS THE FIRST KEG OF PHILLY BEER WEEK
This beer festival isn't some piddly two-tent deal. The early-June drunkfest is a true citywide brew blowout featuring free home-brew classes and, of course, millions of homegrown kegs to the head. A source* tells *Maxim* that the teachers' union had the school year shortened so they could booze up at Beer Week.
*Some toothless guy at the Philly bus station

IT WAS AMERICA'S FIRST BEER TOWN
The Constitution was hatched while dudes in wigs knocked back beer in Philadelphia taverns.

BEN FRANKLIN SAYS SO
"Beer is living proof that God loves us and wants to see us happy."

PROP STYLING, BIRTE VON KAMPEN

Hoptober

Style: Golden Ale
Brewery: New Belgium, Fort Collins, CO

★ First thing you notice is the insanely strong hops aroma, then comes the crisp, honey-laced sweetness. Next thing you know, you've inhaled 17, your shirt is off, and you're singing Counting Crows at karaoke with some cute Korean Air flight attendants.

Helios Ale

Style: Saison
Brewery: Victory, Downington, PA

★ From Pennsylvania, this Quaker-born brew pours out of a mega 22-ounce bottle cloudy but tastes clean. It's orange in color, orange in taste, and orange you glad you drank it? Don't like clever wordplay? Well, screw you!

Ten Fidy

Style: Imperial Stout
Brewery: Oskar Blues, Lyons, CO

★ This canned, oh-so-drinkable skull-crusher is thick and black like Texas tea, smells like sweet pipe tobacco, and has deep notes of maple bacon, cherries, and mesquite. Dudes: Curl your hippie hair behind your ears and say "Whoa!" The crunchy, fleece-wearing beer pros at Oskar have struck Black Gold.

Haywire

Style: Hefeweizen
Brewery: Pyramid, Seattle

★ This American-style wheat ale is light and refreshing, with just faint hints of citrus and caramel—but it ain't no lady beer. The award winner has a muscular wheat flavor that makes it a suitable accompaniment for manly activities, like tailgating, scrapbooking, and needlepoint.

Samuel Adams Noble Pils

Style: Pilsner
Brewery: Boston Beer Co., Boston

★ Master brewer Jim Koch's perfect summer beer is stiff with hops but has a clean and silky feel that never leaves you with cotton mouth—only the munchies.

Torpedo

Style: Extra IPA
Brewery: Sierra Nevada, Chico, CA

★ SN's crew can't miss, even when they tackle one of the boldest styles on the planet. This missile to the white meat is robust but super easy thanks to heavy hints of apricot and Juicy Fruit gum flavors (seriously).

März Hon

Style: Märzen
Brewery: Clipper City, Baltimore

★ Based on a traditional Oktoberfest brew, this poundable Bodymore native has hints of syrup-drenched French toast, toffee, and street-corner shootings.

DRINK BEER, LIVE LONGER

Real scientists say beer can boost your health. Cheers!

BENEFIT:
HEALTHY HEART
A 2008 U.C. Davis study showed that drinking beer (in moderation) can decrease the risk of a heart attack and stroke by nearly 40 percent. Bonus: A few brews can also guard against hypertension, diabetes, and even dementia. Crack another Pabst, Granny!

BENEFIT: REDUCTION OF KIDNEY STONES
Researchers found that when men upped the number of beers they downed, they actually reduced their risk of developing kidney stones. Interestingly, the study also showed that after five beers, the incidence of smock-flashing female lab techs rose 77 percent.

BENEFIT:
STRONGER BONES
A Tufts University study showed that dark beer protects bone-mineral density, lowering the chances of developing osteoporosis. Silicon, a prime ingredient in dark beer, helps the absorption of calcium and minerals to make bones strong. Fuck milk!

TOPS OFF

Beer must-have: moose push-down bottle opener.

$18; decapper.com

THE 25 BEST NEW BEERS IN AMERICA

Bud Light Wheat

Style: Golden Wheat
Brewery: Anheuser-Busch, St. Louis

★ Wheat beer has been growing on us this year thanks in part to this rich and nuanced sauce. With hints of lemon and roasted nuts, it's huge in flavor for a light beer. Never count out the geniuses who invented Budweiser Tall Boys.

Brew Free! Or Die

Style: IPA
Brewery: 21st Amendment, San Francisco

★ This citrusy sucker is the most chuggable IPA on the list. It has a perfect medley of bite and mellowness—an awesome, full-flavored way to earn your bed spins.

Indian Brown

Style: Brown Ale
Brewery: Dogfish Head, Milton, DE

★ The hop-heads who work at Dogfish have been getting down with this brown for years, and finally, late last year they made it available to national distributors. Its boldness jolts, but the brown sugar and caramel notes make it go down smooth.

Old Stock

Style: Ale
Brewery: North Coast Brewing, Fort Bragg, CA

★ Thick and hazelnutty with hints of Coca-Cola and cherry, this is our new favorite snow-day beer. Drink it, then pee in your moon boot.

Sexual Chocolate

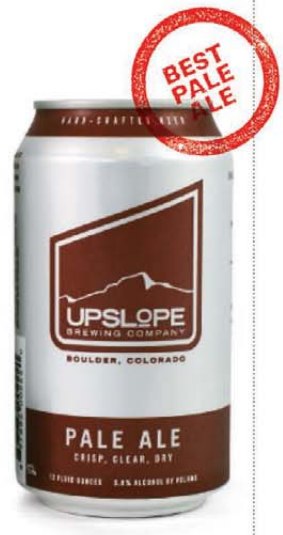
Style: Imperial Stout
Brewery: Foothills Brewing, Winston-Salem, NC

★ Flavored beers are for chicks. But this Nubian queen has three things going for it: *(1)* It reminds us of Eddie Murphy pre-tranny. *(2)* It sports the illest label of the year. *(3)* It gives us an excuse to order beer with dessert. Sip and watch your soul glow.

Green Lakes Organic Ale

Style: Amber Ale
Brewery: Deschutes, Bend, OR

★ Pacific Northwesterners already know that Deschutes kicks serious ale ass, and this new organic job is no exception. Grassy, hoppy, and thirst-quenching. And, no, just because it's organic doesn't mean it cancels out the 18 smokes you had last night.



Upslope Pale Ale

Style: Pale Ale
Brewery: Upslope Brewery, Boulder, CO

★ These guys opened shop in late 2008, and they already own our taste buds thanks to their pale. It's the most palatable craft beer we've gulped in a while. Check the ingredients: "Snow melt, malt, Patagonian hops, yeast." We're officially down with Upslope.

Blue Ball

Style: Porter
Brewery: Intercourse Brewing Co., Wilkes-Barre, PA

★ This quaffable flavored port sneaks up on you with subtle nudges of blueberry and hickory smoke. We want to smother it on pancakes at breakfast, but we'll probably skip all that and just pull a bottle out from the nightstand drawer and gulp it down on the way to the shower. Good morning, Wednesday!

DRINK-TIONARY

Your 10-second guide to the beer styles you need to know.

• PALE ALE
This amber-hued beer is made from pale malts. It's at once fruity and slightly bitter, like your college roommate who liked to watch you sleep.

• INDIA PALE ALE (IPA)
A pale ale with significantly more hops. This style was created out of necessity: Brits added extra hops to help preserve the beer during overseas trips to India.

• DOUBLE IPA
An even more hopped-up IPA. Easy, people!

• BROWN ALE
Despite its color, this is one of the sweetest ales. Made from chocolate and/or caramel malts. Yum-O.

• HEFEWEIZEN (WHEAT BEER)
Wheat beers are crisp, smooth, and slightly tart. Note: Don't add an orange wedge. It makes you look like a girl, plus hints of citrus are already there.

• DUNKELWEIZEN
Hefe's darker cousin, this wheat beer has hints of banana and toffee. Dessert!

• IMPERIAL STOUT
This almost-flat brew uses dark, roasted malt. The flavor starts with coffee but finishes with tart blueberry.

• PILSNER
The world's first golden beer, pils is made with pale malt and noble hops, which have all the hop aroma but less bitterness.

• TRIPEL
This golden brew has three times as many pale malts as an average ale. It was born out of the monasteries of Belgium. Praise Jesus!

• FARMHOUSE ALE (A.K.A. SAISON)
A bubbly, straw-hued, medieval-born Belgian pale ale that's sweet and low in alcohol. The original summer beer.

• OKTOBERFEST
Also known as Märzen, this red, sugary Bavarian beer is brewed with a mix of Vienna and Munich malts that give it a fruity nose and toffeelike flavor. And a hand job when it needs five bucks.

Calico

Style: Amber Ale
Brewery: Ballast Point, San Diego

★ Ballast has been churning out great beer for lucky locals for years and is finally selling their house favorite in wide release. This sharp 'n' sweet potion pairs well with BBQ or pizza or a night by yourself stalking your ex on Flickr.

Fat Squirrel

Style: Brown Ale
Brewery: New Glarus, New Glarus, WI

★ A sweet, nutty, malty good time in a bottle. Pack a few hundred of these into your tree hole and hibernate till spring comes.

Local 1

Style: Pale Ale
Brewery: Brooklyn Brewery, Brooklyn

★ This beer's frothy head is so tall and inviting you want to thrust at it like a human-size pillow. Resist. Sip, and let its floral top notes dance across your skull as its nine percent alcohol content stomps your brain like a pink elephant.

Tumble Off

Style: Pale Ale
Brewery: Barley Brown's Brew Pub, Baker City, OR

★ With more hops than Bugs Bunny and a grassy, herbal aftertaste that recalls our second-favorite Oregon export, this refreshing concoction from the award-winning Barley Brown boys is guaranteed to cure what "ales" ya.

Union Jack

Style: IPA
Brewery: Firestone Walker, Paso Robles, CA

★ Hands down the best IPA *Maxim* has ever tasted. Not for the hop-timid. Crazy flavors—apple, peach, Twinkies, and, yes, kind bud—coalesce into an electrifying tomahawk dunk on your taste buds. Note: This stuff makes you, um, regular—and in a hurry. Make sure your pipes are clear before imbibing.

UFO White

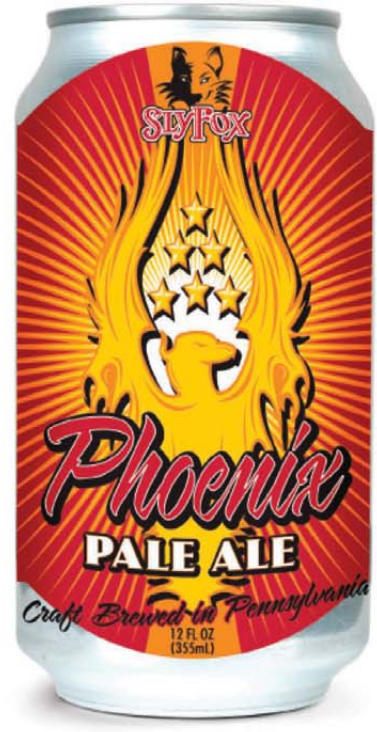
Style: Wheat
Brewery: Harpoon—Boston

★ With hints of citrus, this smooth, easily swallowable brew is perfect for pirates worried about scurvy.

Phoenix

Style: Pale Ale
Brewery: Sly Fox, Royersford, PA

★ Is it possible to have delicious hoppiness wherever you go? Yes, you can. In this can!



AMERICA'S BEST BEER JOBS

1.
CHIEF BEER OFFICER
Four Points by Sheraton Hotels
Currently held by: Scott Kerkmans
Beer duties: Discover, drink, and serve local craft beers that are brewed near each of the hotel's 182 properties.
Qualifications: Brewer, Alaskan Beer Company. Kerkmans beat out nearly 8,000 other applicants.
Beernefits: Yearly trips to Germany for Oktoberfest; monthly travel to Four Points hotels, from Rio to Shanghai. Free mini-bar!
CBO says: "No complaints!"

2.
BEER DRINKER OF THE YEAR Wynkoop Brewing Company, Denver
Currently held by: Cody Christman
Beer duties: Wear crown, be the brewery's emissary, drink beer.
Qualifications: Knowledge of beer's history and importance to civilization; a desire to educate others on the joys of great brew.
Beernefits: Free beer for life at Wynkoop pub. Seriously.
BDOOTY says: "I love you guys."

3.
MAXIM INTERNS
Currently held by: Stephanie Radvan, Shanté Cosme, and Peter Meijer
Beer duties: Keeping beer inventory and ensuring *Maxim*'s Muscle Milk fridge is always stocked with sud soldiers.
Qualifications: College student; ability to maintain a straight face when hiring editors declare: "Print is making a comeback!"
Beernefits: Free brew, plus it's easy to leave early when the editors are drunk, pantless, and wrestling each other on a Tuesday at 3 P.M.
Interns say: "Ew!"

ICON

BY DAN BOVA
PHOTOGRAPH BY SHERYL NIELDS

Benicio Del Toro

The star of *The Wolfman* bares his fangs on false teeth, the art of mumbling, and Andre Agassi's toupee.

Before you started filming *The Wolfman*, did you contact Michael J. Fox to get any pointers he learned on the set of *Teen Wolf*?
No, I didn't. But I did read that Jack Nicholson, who did *Wolf*, said he likes to do fantasy movies, that it's fun to let go. I'm in spirit with that 100 percent. It's nice every now and then to just go ahead and have fun and make a fool of yourself.

When you were growing up in Puerto Rico, did you ever imagine that this is how your life would turn out?
Never, never, never. But I did like movies, you know? I liked those monster movies like *Abbott and Costello Meet the Mummy* or *Creature From the Black Lagoon*—the old black-and-white movies they would show a lot on TV. This was before VHS, Betamax, or whatever.

Did any movie in particular really scare the crap out of you?
The Exorcist. That's a mind-fucker! I saw it in high school, and it did affect me. Like that night I was looking out the window and it was windy and the leaves were moving. I said, "Oh, no, here we go."

Obviously you spent a lot of time in makeup on this movie. Any thoughts on the revelation in Andre Agassi's autobiography that he played in the French Open wearing a toupee?
Did he really? I love it! It was just one more thing to balance, man. I think it must've been glued on pretty good—maybe our makeup guy did it!

You're famous for delving into your characters—like giving yourself real cigarette burns on your arm for *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*. Before shooting *The Wolfman*, did you walk around the house pretending to be a wolf, licking yourself?
No. You can't pretend to be a wolf unless you have the makeup on—otherwise it's just weird. Wearing the makeup and the suit and all that stuff, it was more about seeing what you could and couldn't do, because you're restricted. I had to change the shirts underneath the suit four or five times a day and use talcum powder, because I'd be completely wet.

So you were a fragrant man by the end of the day?
Yeah! But the real problem is the teeth. You can't talk with that stuff, so I had a team that would follow me with gloves, and I would make a sign, and they would pull my teeth out and then I would speak. Otherwise it was just, "Arhrahahra!"

"TAKE YOUR GIRL TO SEE THIS MOVIE. MAYBE YOU'LL GET TO SECOND BASE. YOU MAY GET TO THIRD!"

Was anyone walking around holding your teeth during *Che*?
No. I had contact lenses, and that was a drag. In the dirt, with all the dust and the humidity, it would get foggy, and you're walking around with an M1 in your hand and you can't see anything.

Speaking of committing to a part, when you were making *The Usual Suspects*, was there ever a moment where you questioned your idea of being the guy who mumbled?
Yeah. I remember the first day I was gonna mumble, and we were doing a sequence in which Pete Postlethwaite, who played Kobayashi, had a monologue that was a page and a half. I was the first in the group to speak after he finished. And he did that monologue so amazingly, a page and a half, you know? Ra-ta-ta-ta-ta-ta! And I'm sitting there, and I said, "Who do I think I am to go from there to 'Rawww'?"

You won an Academy Award for *Traffic*. Do you have a stance on the drug war? Are you pro-legalization?
I think people have the right to choose, but it's a touchy subject. We've all known someone who has had problems with drugs. So if anything is changed, it's got to be gradually, because anyone can roll a joint and have a good time, but it can affect different people in different ways. You might have someone who can function 100 percent, stoned, and you have someone who takes a third of that, and their life goes out the window.

You're a celebrity, so maybe you can offer some insight: We're amazed when famous, superrich people get DWIs. Why don't guys like Mel Gibson have a driver standing by 24 hours a day?
You have a point. I don't know. I guess as big as the star is, at the end of the day he still wants to be normal. It's kind of weird when you have a guy standing there all night.

Do fans ever get overzealous?
Sometimes when there's drinking involved, the inhibitions go out the window and wolfman shit comes out. Like, a guy will ask me to take a picture with him in the bathroom. "All right, but wash your hands, bro."

So *The Three Stooges* movie, with you, Sean Penn, and Jim Carrey: As of now it's not in effect?
Right. That doesn't mean it's dead, just that the cast was too good. The Farrelly brothers are great guys, so hopefully it'll work out at some point.

Finally, should guys take their girlfriends to *The Wolfman*?
Yeah, definitely, and hold their hands, man! Maybe you'll get to second base when you get home. Maybe you'll get to third. Take the girl!

Tiger's TEMPTress

Tiger Woods' dalliances with **JAIMEE GRUBBS** could cost him upward of $180 million in sponsorship deals. Take a look at these pictures and we think you'll agree—totally worth it.

BY DAN BOVA

PHOTOGRAPHS BY CHRIS FORTUNA

Hi, Jaimee. Heard any good Tiger jokes?
Well, I have a pet bunny I carry around with me, and my friends are like, "She moved on from a tiger to a rabbit."

How'd you meet Tiger?
I met him on a girls' trip to Vegas. A VIP host sat us down at a table with three guys. Someone tapped him on the shoulder and said, "You don't look like you're having fun." And I realized we were at Tiger Woods' table.

Tiger had such a bland public persona.
At first he was stand-offish and, well, kind of boring. But the day after we left Vegas, he called me and asked if I wanted to have dinner with him in San Diego. And I was excited for it. Here's this big icon who wants to get to know me! I didn't go to him—he came to me.

When did it progress?
On our fourth date we took it to a more intimate level. We were in the W Hotel in San Diego, having room service. We were talking and being very flirtatious, and it just kind of happened. It was very passionate and sweet.

Sounds nice.
The real turning point, when I started to fall for him, was when he trusted me enough to leave me in the hotel room and let me sleep in. At first when we had our meetings, at like five in the morning, he'd be like, "We have to get out." But eventually he'd leave me with his stuff, and I could have done anything with it, so the trust meant a lot to me.

All those texts—he seemed like a wild guy.
We are both sarcastic. We were very playful.

So when he texted you to take a picture of yourself naked in the bathroom, he was kidding?
No, he was being completely serious. ▸▸

Did you do it?
I passed. I asked him to send *me* a photo once. And he said, "You can see me whenever you want on TV, and I can only see you when you send me pictures."

Have you talked to him since the news broke?
No, I called after the crash, but his phone was disconnected. If I could talk to him, I'd tell him that he hurt me a lot. I don't understand why he kept reeling me back in. How could he be so heartless?

Have you stopped texting as much?
In general? Not exactly, but I am very careful now. [*Laughs*]

Did Tiger make a lot of golf ball jokes in the bedroom?
No, I did that. I'd say, "Oh, I'm having a hard time sleeping, let's turn on golf." He never physically made reference to his own...you know, game.

I DIDN'T GO TO TIGER, he came to me.

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(Top and previous spread) **Agent Provocateur** bra and panty, **Dolce & Gabbana** boots; (bottom) **Laura Urbinati** bra, **American Apparel** leggings, **Christian Louboutin** shoes; (opposite, top) **Laura Urbinati** bra and panty, **Terry Biviano** shoes; (opposite, bottom) **Acne** jacket, **Laura Urbinati** bra and panty, **Shelli Segal** shoes.

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31 THINGS YOU ABSOLUTELY DID NOT NEED TO KNOW

Celebs, they're just like us! That is, if we were prone to penning 400-page tomes detailing the most embarrassingly intimate, disgusting, and boring details of our lives. Here the masterminds behind the live stage show *Celebrity Autobiography: In Their Own Words* present some of the grandest works of oversharing stars. **You'll never want to read again.**

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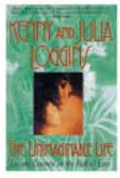
TRUE ROMANCE Share the love (just not with dogs).

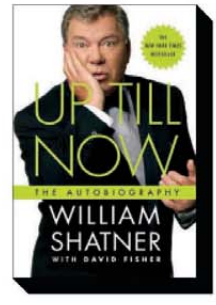


Kenny Loggins
"I want to let your love open me like an envelope. **I want to taste your breath. To drink you. To make love without birth control** and scream together when we come (and not get pregnant) at least once a day."

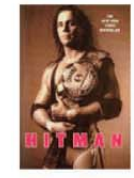
Suzanne Somers
[poem]
"If anyone has any extra love/Even a heartbeat/ Or a touch or two/ **I wish they wouldn't waste it on dogs"**

Lisa Rinna
"Continue to let your hands help you...twist the shaft. **And don't forget 'the stepchildren' (Lou's term for the testicles,** as they tend to be ignored)... And remember, technique is important, as you don't want to hurt anything (cover those teeth!)..."

FIERCE BATTLES Inspirational stories of struggles with animals, letters, and wigs.



William Shatner
"[I said to the gorilla,] 'I love you, Koko.' And with that she reached out and grabbed me by my balls...Her handler said, 'Stand very still. She wants you to go to her bedroom.'...Meanwhile, in the adjoining compound a young gorilla who they hoped would mate with Koko was pounding on the door like a jealous husband. There I was, caught in the eternal triangle, with a gorilla holding on to my rapidly shrinking scrotum."

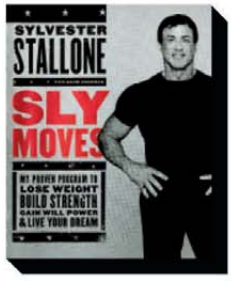


Bret Hart
"There had to be at least one fan who went home thinking, **Wow, the World Midget title changed hands tonight!"**

Vanna White
"Sure, it's not the most intellectually challenging job in the world—few jobs are. But it is hard work...**Once, while turning the letters in the middle of a round, my belt broke and nearly fell off,** but I held on to it and kept flipping those panels."

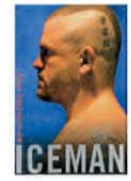
Andre Agassi
"Warming up before the match, **I pray. Not for a win, but for my hairpiece to stay on."**

TOUGH GUYS They're rough and tough, and they whisper sweet nothings to their biceps.



Sylvester Stallone
"Have you ever talked to your muscles? As you bring up the dumbbells, say 'Grow!' It's what I call 'body dialogue,' where I actually converse with certain parts of my body."

Brian Bosworth
"I'm bashing people with my fists, cutting my hands up in their helmets—**a badass Cuisinart puréeing people into vegetables.** If I'm really into it, I can't feel the gash until I look down at my hands later and notice that half of them are gone."



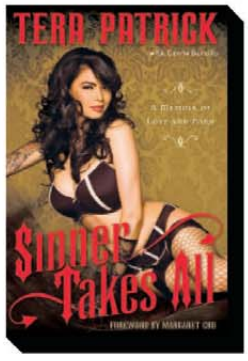
Chuck Liddell
"Song I have played when I am walking into the octagon: **'Too Cold,' Vanilla Ice."**

Mr. T
"I'm sure there will be other books about me, but they won't tell it like it is...So here is the unadulterated truth, told, written, and spoken in such terms that **even a FOOL can understand** what I am talking about."

WANG TALK Tommy Lee inspires awe.

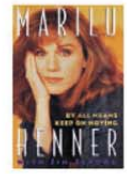
Ozzy Osbourne
"So I peered over his shoulder. And there it was: his dick. Like a baby's arm in a boxing glove. The fucking thing was so big, the chick could only get about a third of it in her mouth, and even then I was surprised there wasn't a lump sticking out of the back of her neck. I'd never seen anything like it in my life...'Dude, sit down,' he said. 'Take off your pants, man. She'll do you after she's done me.'"

SEX Spice up your love life with some revolting tips!

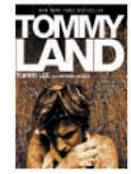


Tera Patrick

"[My boyfriend Roland] put my pearl necklace in my butt and then made me wear it around my neck when we went to dinner with his parents. I was so turned on watching Roland stare at my dirty necklace during that dinner. Roland's also the guy who shaved my pussy bald. I had a bush before I met him!"



Marilu Henner
"When it comes to sex, it doesn't even matter if I feel fat or depressed. There's always room for Jell-O. And that 'headache' excuse? Bogus... **I'd much rather treat a headache with a bare ass than a Bayer aspirin,** any day."



Tommy Lee
"A good idea to fire up your relationship is to drive down the highway at about 65 miles an hour and have sex with your girl...[But] you've got to be careful. Never use cruise control, because **there's no bigger bummer than crashing your car mid-fuck."**

Janice Dickinson
"Getting your cherry popped while peaking on acid is definitely not the ticket, girls. Trust me...He was up there pumping, beaming, proud. He thought he was taking me places I never dreamed of going...They were all the wrong places."

THE POWER OF WOMEN And the C-word.

Artie Lange
"My staying power wasn't due to...**some kind of tantric sex self-hypnosis I learned from Sting.** It was strictly the awkwardness of the situation, because I was preoccupied with the fact that we were fucking in my father's handicap van."

Robert Wagner
"[Raquel Welch] finally came out of her trailer and walked past us. Vittorio muttered, 'She's so strong it would take **six oxen to pull a hair from her cunt.'"**

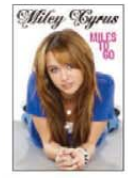
Burt Reynolds
"I really believed that **Loni Anderson and I were the couple atop the wedding cake.** I never thought we'd topple from the upper tier... Shopping might have been a way of life among Hollywood wives, but Loni turned it into an art form."

TEEN BEAT The youth have something valuable to say!

Olsen Twins
"What happens when we both want to wear the same thing on the same day? We talk it over, and then we usually decide to take turns. Mary-Kate will wear something one time, and I'll wear it the next time. Having a twin keeps us grounded."

Jonas Brothers
"Our current wardrobe favorites consist mainly of ties, dress shirts, vests, ascots, and really nice shoes. What's fun is that we pretty much wear the same clothes on- and offstage. **We don't wear ties because we have to... we genuinely like to!"**

Justin Timberlake
"I ran onstage after a quick change with my fly unzipped. **My pants almost fell down all the way to my ankles...** I also broke my thumb onstage before... Luckily it was the last song of our set. I just held the mike in my left hand the whole time."



Miley Cyrus
"There's nothing wrong with being young. Young people have lots of energy! Most people know me as Hannah Montana. But Hannah is a television character. That doesn't make her real, and it doesn't make her me."

SURGERY ANYONE? Treasured memories of Mommy.

Tori Spelling

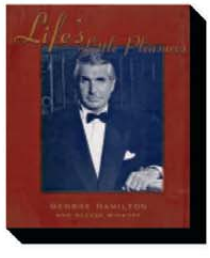
"We were having a formal family portrait taken with our dogs, and I was getting frustrated with my bangs...So I asked my mother, 'Am I pretty?' She looked at me and said, 'You will be when you get your nose done.' I was stunned. My nose, as noses tend to be, was right in the middle of my face, and I had just been told it was ugly. So long, innocence."

ASS MEN No butts about it.

David Bryan
"I always said Jon was born with a horseshoe jammed in his ass, and I'm holding on to it tight. **Every once in a while, I get a little shit on me.** Who cares? Brush it off. We're still going. That guy made a deal with the devil."

Jose Canseco
"Back in the 1980s, I was like a rock star... **I had it all: the body, the personality, everything. I was Hollywood.** When most fans thought of me, they didn't think of me playing baseball; they thought, He's dating Madonna, or, He's got a great ass."

FOOD Chow down with the drool-inducing stars.



George Hamilton

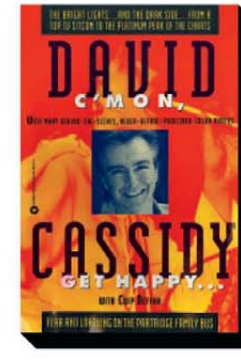
"If you're wandering the aisles of your local grocery store late some Saturday night and you see the word 'Tasty-kakes,' go no further. Peanut Butter Kandy-Kakes, Chocolate Juniors, and Butterscotch Krimpets are true miracles. The packages even have an 800 number so you can have your Tasty-Kakes FedExed to your doorstep...I prefer to have mine with a nice, chilled bottle of very dry champagne—Moët & Chandon White Star if you're alone, Dom Pérignon if you're having a guest..."

Star Jones
"Take away the wigs and the eyelashes and the fabulous clothes and **you'll find me at White Castle, feasting on a half-dozen of those greasy square burgers...** I also wear fur. I know a lot of people don't approve of it, but I like the feel of a mink coat."

Sarah Palin
"My philosophy on being a carnivore: **If God had not intended for us to eat animals, how come He made them out of meat?...** I always remind people from outside our state that there's plenty of room for all Alaska's animals—right next to the mashed potatoes."

FORBIDDEN LOVE Thanks for ruining our childhoods, freaks!

Maureen McCormick
"[As Barry Williams and I] continued to kiss and press against each other so closely that we could feel each other's body heat, a part of me—a tiny part, admittedly—said to myself, **'Oh, my God! I'm kissing my brother!'"**



David Cassidy

"My dick was getting hard, but I was thinking something like, My sister here is attractive, but do I really want to fuck my sister? Even though, of course, Susan [Dey] was not a blood relative, that's how I'd come to think of her."

Back home in England, **Steve Coogan** is known for his strippers 'n' blow–fueled shenanigans, and for being the funniest comedian working today. Now, with three major movies due out in the next six months, he's ready to take America. BY JOSH EELLS PHOTOGRAPHS BY CHRIS BUCK

a cold winter afternoon in New York, and on the 50th floor of NASDAQ's Wall Street headquarters some serious shit is about to go down. A cute receptionist sits typing blithely in the lobby, and across the sunlit atrium—an aerie of brushed steel and frosted glass—the floor-to-ceiling windows provide a sweeping wide-screen view of Manhattan, from the UN building to the Hudson. A day full of wire transfers and short-selling goes to hell when two dozen cops come rushing in: gruff detectives in trench coats and ties, patrolmen in their NYPD blues, and a few Kevlar-jacketed SWAT team guys, all with their weapons drawn. "Police!" one shouts. "Drop the gun!" And there, in the middle of the turmoil, stands a rumpled, slightly befuddled Englishman named Steve Coogan.

"Cut!" yells Adam McKay, the director of *Anchorman, Talladega Nights,* and *Step Brothers.* "Let's try that again. Cops, get those guns a little higher, please?"

We're on the set of *The Other Guys,* a new buddy-cop action comedy in which Coogan costars alongside Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg. The movie doesn't hit theaters until August, so no spoilers; let's just say Coogan plays a conniving investment mogul who could put Bernie Madoff to shame. Dressed in a tailored Dior suit, with his hair rakishly long, he's the perfect evil British billionaire, like Alan Rickman's Hans Gruber in *Die Hard* (if he was British, or a billionaire). "Right from the beginning, I was like, 'I want a Steve Coogan type,'" says McKay, who cowrote the movie. "Finally somebody said, 'You know, you should try to get Steve Coogan!'"

Unless you're English, a fifth-grader, or an English fifth-grader, there's a good chance you have no idea who Steve Coogan is. The 44-year-old comedian is a huge star in the U.K., a Peter Sellers–like chameleon whose most famous creation, the pompous talk show host Alan Partridge, is as popular there as Posh and Becks. Partridge DVDs have sold more than half a million copies, and when his series aired on the BBC throughout the '90s, they regularly drew a fifth of the nation's viewing audience. But Coogan has yet to replicate this success stateside. He's had supporting parts in cool Hollywood flicks like *Tropic Thunder* (as a director who gets blown to bits by a land mine) and Sofia Coppola's *Marie Antoinette,* but so far his biggest American roles have been in kiddie-friendly fare like the *Night at the Museum* movies and this month's *Percy Jackson & The Olympians: The Lightning Thief,* an adaptation of a children's adventure book in which he hams it up as Hades, god of the underworld.

For audiences who are familiar with Coogan, this PG-centric résumé is especially strange. Because what Steve Coogan is most famous for in England—besides being very, very funny—is being very, very bad. His two decades of merry debauchery have made him a fixture in the U.K. tabloids—a coke-snorting, skirt-chasing poster boy for how a celebrity shouldn't behave. For the uninitiated, here's a sampling of Coogan's (alleged) greatest hits:

• Got dumped by his girlfriend (then three months pregnant with their baby) after bedding a topless model on a hotel mattress covered in £10 notes.

• Saw his marriage collapse in the wake of a coke-fueled sexcapade with two lap dancers he'd met following a charity event for cancer-stricken teenagers.

• Had a two-week tryst with Courtney Love (which she denied) at Hollywood's Sunset Marquis hotel, a depraved fortnight the papers later described as "literally nonstop sex."

• Once spent the night at a brothel after exhausting himself with not one, not two, but three ladies of the evening.

• Caused an awkward scene at a friend's birthday party a few years back when he tried to take home said friend's mother-in-law.

It's an impressive list, for sure. Yet if there's any of the stripper-banging, drug-hoovering libertine left in Coogan, he's hiding it well. Today he shuffles around the set with the dazed expression of a man who's just been roused from a nice afternoon nap—a picture of quietude among the mad scramble of gaffers and boom mikes. With his floppy hair and crinkled eyes, Coogan looks almost puppyish, and his default facial expression is one of vague confusion. (Apparently this isn't new: As a kid he was such a space cadet that an aunt nicknamed him Stevie Wonder.)

"You'll have to forgive me—I'm a bit punch-drunk," he says by way of a hello. He's been on the set since 7:30 this morning, shooting the same scene for the second day running. In his left hand is a steaming cup of coffee, and on his breath the aroma of a rich Ethiopian blend. "We shot all the sexy stuff yesterday," he says apologetically. "I've not got much to do today."

If Coogan has yet to break through in America, not having much to do is partly why. For all his comedic gifts, he's yet to find a choice role in an industry where, he once joked, an Englishman is automatically either "a villain or a butler." (Today he's a villain.) "This one is sort of an interesting job," Coogan says of *The Other Guys.* "It's fun hanging out with Will and Adam and Mark. But to be honest, it's not very demanding. I've got a lot of down time." In England he's a VIP who runs his own production company; here, he says, "I'm just a girl for hire. I do what I'm told."

That might be changing. Coogan has three big-budget studio films coming out this year, plus a handful of what he calls "my projects." "I think a lot of people are going to get to see him in a different light," McKay says. Still, despite the big things on the horizon, Coogan remains thoroughly self-effacingly British. "My business partner once told me the secret to a successful career is never to peak," he says. "So right now I'm feeling pretty successful."

Stephen John Coogan was born on October 14, 1965 in Alkrington, a suburb of Manchester. The Coogan family was large and Catholic: Steve was the fourth of seven—the classic middle child—and his parents (Kathleen, a housewife; and Tony, an IBM engineer) also took in foster kids, sometimes two or three at a time. Their red-brick house had so many youngsters running around the yard that strangers sometimes mistook it for a community center.

Coogan was an introvert—not much of a student, awful at sports—whose older sister once described him as "the runt of the litter." An altar boy who'd run home during lunch just to get an hour with his mom, he wanted to be James Bond but knew he never could. "I wasn't cool enough," he says. But one thing he was good at was being funny. He loved Monty Python and Bob Newhart, and he discovered his skills for mimicry early on, cracking up classmates with spot-on impersonations of teachers and celebrities. "I escaped into this fantasy world," he says. "I could make people laugh."

At 19, dreaming of stardom, Coogan applied to all the prestigious London drama schools, and got rejected by every one. Instead he enrolled at Manchester Polytechnic, which led to his first attempts at stand-up. Impressions were his specialty: Margaret Thatcher, Mick Jagger, Sylvester Stallone. Eventually he landed his own radio

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show, then a role on a hit TV program. By his mid-20s he was a bona fide star, buying Ferraris like toilet paper and living a swinging bachelor's life in go-go '90s London.

"I had a Porsche before I bought a washing machine," Coogan recalls. "I'd drive to the Laundromat with my clothes in the front seat. That was how I lived—no responsibilities and a lot of money. A few months earlier I was broke and working at a gas station, and suddenly I was getting $5,000 a gig, cash. It was fucking great."

But Coogan soon grew embarrassed—and to some extent still is—about being what he called "a performing monkey," doing voices like some glorified party tricks. It was around then that he started developing his most famous character: a deeply square sportscaster from the northern provinces named Alan Partridge. Part of Partridge's charm is his utter incompetence; over the course of three series and four seasons, he follows a steadily downward professional arc, from blundering national sports anchor to inept talk show host to 4 A.M. DJ at a radio station in the sticks. But through it all he remains endearingly Partridge—a dimwitted, insecure blowhard who doesn't know when to quit.

"I actively hate the idea of playing somebody cool," Coogan says, curled into a leather chair during a break in filming. He's handsome, if not leading-man sexy, with graying temples and a kind smile, and as he talks he wolfs down a lunch of Chinese takeout, occasionally spilling clumps of brown rice in his lap. "People who are fucked up are way more fun," he says. "It's much more challenging to make yourself empathetic when ostensibly you should be dislikable."

Coogan excels at what one writer called the comedy of embarrassment. He's drawn to characters with obvious flaws: the stupid, the dysfunctional, the douchey. In real life he relishes uncomfortable situations for the same reason self-mutilators cut themselves. "There's something about them that really makes you feel alive," he says. Recently he was at a dinner party where a guest tried to liven things up by starting a discussion about the most painful thing that had ever happened to everyone. "He told this story about slamming his finger in a door," Coogan says. "How it was flattened and swollen and really hurt. Everyone stopped eating. Then he turns to the guy on his left and goes, 'So what's the most painful thing that's happened to you?' And the guy says, 'When my father and my brother passed away.'" Coogan smiles, savoring the awkward memory. "The whole party changed in an instant, and it just made me want to burst out laughing. I love stuff like that."

For a generation of comedians, this embrace of discomfort has been Coogan's most lasting gift. Traces of Alan Partridge's squirm-worthy DNA are visible in everything from *The Colbert Report* to Ali G to *Flight of the Conchords*. And with all due respect to Ricky Gervais and Steve Carell, if it weren't for Partridge, *The Office* wouldn't exist.

In addition to being Coogan's signature character, Partridge is his most personal—the preening, khaki-wearing receptacle for all his insecurities. "Alan is like my worst nightmare of who I am," Coogan says. "He's a dick, and sometimes I'm a dick—but I'm not as much of a dick as he is." Still, for all the hang-ups he puts in his work, Coogan is scrupulously guarded when it comes to his personal life. Call him the anti–Russell Brand: Whereas the bouffanted, Katy Perry–bagging Brand has capitalized on his depravity onstage and in print, Coogan has studiously avoided it. Today when the topic of his past comes up, he quickly shuts it down. "Look, there's a lot of bullshit out there," he says. "But there's no benefit to me in talking about it. If it was a Faustian pact and I had to talk about myself personally to gain a foothold in America, I'd rather live in obscurity with my dignity intact."

Asked about specifics—lap dancer this, cocaine that—he's polite but firm. "I know you're going to write all that shit anyway. And that's fine—that's your job. I just don't want to ramp it up more than it has to be. I'm afraid if *Maxim* readers want titillation, they'll have to turn to the picture of a hot chick with half her shirt off and jack off over that." (Note to readers: Try page 70!)

If this makes Coogan sound like...well, a dick—he's not. He's friendly and engaging and never short of completely pleasant. He talks about wanting to spare his daughter, Clare, 12, from unnecessary embarrassment, and when her name comes up he grows visibly uncomfortable. "I kind of want to avoid talking about that," he says. "Just because I promised her mother. But suffice it to say she's very important to me."

The only scandal Coogan will tackle head-on is the one involving his friend Owen Wilson. He and Wilson have been close since Ben

THE BRITISH are COMING!

Steve Coogan is just one of a series of U.K. funnymen taking America by storm.

	SIMON PEGG	RICKY GERVAIS	SACHA BARON COHEN	HUGH LAURIE	CRAIG FERGUSON	RUSSELL BRAND
HOW YOU KNOW HIM	Star Trek; Shaun of the Dead	The Office (British version)	Borat; Bruno	House	The Late Late Show; The Drew Carey Show	Forgetting Sarah Marshall
WHAT YOU OUGHTA SEE	Spaced	The 11 O'Clock Show	Da Ali G Show (British version)	Blackadder; Jeeves & Wooster	The Big Tease; I'll Be There	RE: Brand
WHY YOU SHOULD BOTHER	Five years before sending up zombie flicks with 2004's *Shaun*, Pegg let his sci-fi geek flag fly with this award-winning surrealistic sitcom.	Much like his *Office* counterpart Steve Carrell on *The Daily Show*, Gervais got his start as a political correspondent on this hit fake news show.	As the racially ambiguous, hilariously inept "urban" talk show host, Baron Cohen skewered celebs, politicians, and viewers in equal measure.	Americans know him as the gruff, pill-popping M.D., but back home, Laurie is known for perfecting the upper-class twit in a series of huge hit shows.	The Scottish talk show host cut his teeth on the British stand-up circuit and as the writer-director-star of several comedies.	Before dating Katy Perry and hosting awards shows, Brand was a U.K. sensation for this outrageous television series skewering cultural taboos.

COOGAN TOWN! (clockwise from above): As a bumbling Roman emperor (with Owen Wilson) in *Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian* (2009); as bumbling music mogul Tony Wilson in *24 Hour Party People* (2002); as bumbling talk show host Alan Partridge (1994); as a bumbling high school drama teacher, with Elisabeth Shue and Amy Poehler, in *Hamlet 2* (2008); as a bumbling director, with Robert Downey Jr., in *Tropic Thunder* (2008).

Stiller introduced them; Coogan even spent Thanksgiving of 2008 with the Wilson family in Texas. In 2007, after Owen reportedly OD'd on painkillers in what was rumored to be a suicide attempt, Courtney Love hit the papers, howling about Coogan's bad influence and hinting that he might even have supplied the drugs.

"I'll admit," says Coogan, leaning forward as if to emphasize his seriousness, "some of the stuff that's been written about me has been on the money. But *that* story has no foundation. Literally not one iota of truth." He calls Wilson one of his best friends, and despite tabloid tales of joint stripper-and-coke misadventures, he says the most outrageous thing they do together is jog on the beach. As for Love's claims, he says, "Consider the source."

In many ways Coogan is surprisingly old-fashioned. An avowed atheist, he still loves Christmas and old churches, because "I quite like the tradition." He collects old Mercedes and grinds his own coffee, and these days his idea of fun is eating chocolate and hiking in England's Lake District. Though he still has a weakness for the ladies (one cute Asian extra especially seems to catch his eye), the former swordsman who reportedly once sought treatment for sex addiction—and prefaced his bedroom conquests by bellowing, "Let battle commence!"—is in a three-year relationship with China Chow, an actress whose father founded the high-end Chinese restaurant chain Mr. Chow. He hasn't given up all his vices; asked if he's sober, he answers, "Well I'm not drunk *now*." But he seems to have settled into a comfortable middle-aged equilibrium.

Coogan's fierce need for privacy has given him mixed feelings about American celebrity. "Over here I'm not famous," he says happily. "In England I get recognized wherever I go. Here I don't, and I quite like that."

"Don't get me wrong," he adds. "I would love to get bigger parts in bigger movies." But he doesn't want stardom to come at the expense of quality. "I look at some movies and think, God, I'd rather stick knitting needles in my eyes than see that," he says. (One wonders if he's talking about movies like Steve Martin's *Pink Panther* remake and the Eddie Murphy bomb *Meet Dave*, for both of which Coogan turned down roles.) "I'd rather fall on my ass doing something interesting than play it safe and do dull shit. I just don't want to be fucking bland."

In some ways Coogan's clock is ticking. He'll be 45 in October, not historically an age at which new stars get minted. And he's already watched a generation of U.K. comics for whom he helped pave the way—Ricky Gervais, Sacha Baron Cohen, Brand—make a splash in America. "It could have happened earlier," he says about stateside success. "Sacha had it with *Borat*. If I'd gotten it together, I could have done something like that. But I'm a glass-half-full person. There are a lot of things coming out that I'm really pleased with."

Indeed, 2010 might be a turning point. This month there's *Percy Jackson*, costarring Uma Thurman and Pierce Brosnan, and then *The Other Guys* this summer. He's also lending his voice to a movie about cartoon mutt Marmaduke, playing a dog named Raisin, along with Owen Wilson, Jeremy Piven, and Fergie. (Asked what breed Raisin is, he laughs. "I don't know. It's a fucking dog! I don't wrestle with the character of the dog at night.") He's also developing an HBO movie with Justin Theroux (cowriter of *Tropic Thunder*) as well as producing a feature-length Partridge film with Peter Baynham (*Borat*) and Stiller. "I'm having my cake and eating it, too," Coogan says. "Indie directors want to work with me, and so do comedy directors. I'm kind of bloody happy."

By now night has fallen, and through the window the skyscrapers of Manhattan are lit up like a movie set. An eager young wardrobe assistant approaches Coogan, holding a pair of freshly pressed gray trousers. "Sorry to interrupt, Steve—I have your new pants."

Coogan looks confused. "Why?" he asks her, looking down at his own pants as if to say, "The pair I'm wearing seem perfectly acceptable." The assistant just shrugs. Coogan nods, accepts the trousers without further objection. "All right. Thanks, hon." And so the funniest man in England heads off to change his pants, a girl for hire just doing what he's told. ●

The Empire Strikes Back

EXTRA! EXTRA! BRITAIN DROPS BOMBSHELL **KEELEY HAZELL** ON HOLLYWOOD. PREPARE TO SURRENDER. By **JESSE BRUKMAN** Photographs by **STEVE SHAW**

Letters of Marque negligee, **Valentino** shoes, **Jennifer Kaufman** ring. (Previous spread and opposite) **Letters of Marque** knickers, **Wolford** stockings, **Jennifer Kaufman** jewelry, stylist's own faux fur stole.

London native Keeley Hazell has never posed for a magazine on our shores. That is, until now. You're welcome, America!

You got your start in British newspapers. Explain to us Yanks what a "Page 3 Girl" is.
Basically, a Page 3 Girl—I'm trying to think of a good way to put this—is a girl who is seminude on the third page of a national newspaper, *The Sun*.

Is it true that an artist cast your breasts in bronze?
Yes, it's true. *The Sun* wanted a sculpture done as a signature moment in history. So my breasts mark the year 2004. I've actually got a pair sitting somewhere at home, but one of the nipples always seems to fall off!

You live in L.A. now. Was it nice to come over here and feel a little more anonymity?
When I came here, I thought nobody would have a clue who I was, but thanks to the Internet and Google, everyone you meet seems to know 10,000 things about you.

Have you ever been tempted to edit your Wikipedia page?
Yes, I've tried so many times that they've banned me! But I'm like, It's *me* trying to edit it! There's stuff on there that's not true.

Now you're taking acting lessons, correct?
Uh, yes. How do you know this information?

It's on Wikipedia!
Really? Well, *that* is true. I've wanted to try acting for God knows how long. I thought now is the time to really pursue a career I enjoy, and I need to be out here in L.A.

Is being busty like being Spider-Man: With great breasts comes great responsibility?
Not really. I think it's more, "With great breasts comes horrible backache!"

Now, are you unique in England, or is every woman there equally, uh, endowed?
Sadly enough, I have actually Googled this. And British women have the largest breasts in the world. It must be something in the tea.

Something in the tea?
Yes! It has to be something in the tea we're always drinking. It's in the water.

Global Goodies

The world leaders in all things gorgeous.

1 GREAT BRITAIN ↔ Breasts
Terrible food, worse weather, and yet the most spectacular sets on the planet. A study by bra maker Triumph found that British lasses have the largest breasts among European women. Fifty-seven percent wear a D cup. God save the queens!

2 FINLAND ↔ Blondes
Our Finnish friends can keep their fancy socialized medicine, but we'll happily take their lovely ladies. Finland has the highest proportion of *natural* blondes of any country—except Blondonia, the paradise in our minds.

3 FRANCE ↔ Waist Size
Between severe bouts of surrenderitis, the French have the awesome habit of making ladies with the skinniest waists in Europe. Perhaps it's their steady diet of cigarettes, coffee, and ennui.

4 THE NETHERLANDS ↔ Height
Call yourself a leg man? Then take a trip to Finland's fellow socialist wonderland, the Netherlands! Dutch dames are the tallest in the world. Get to breeding your leggy Viking army, *stat!*

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The Mysterious Death of **Bush's Cyber-Guru**

One year ago, as he was poised to testify in the case of the disputed 2004 election, **Michael Connell** met his death in a fiery plane crash. Was he the victim of an unfortunate accident or of a right-wing conspiracy intent on silencing one of its own?

WELCOME TO CYBERGATE

BY SIMON WORRALL

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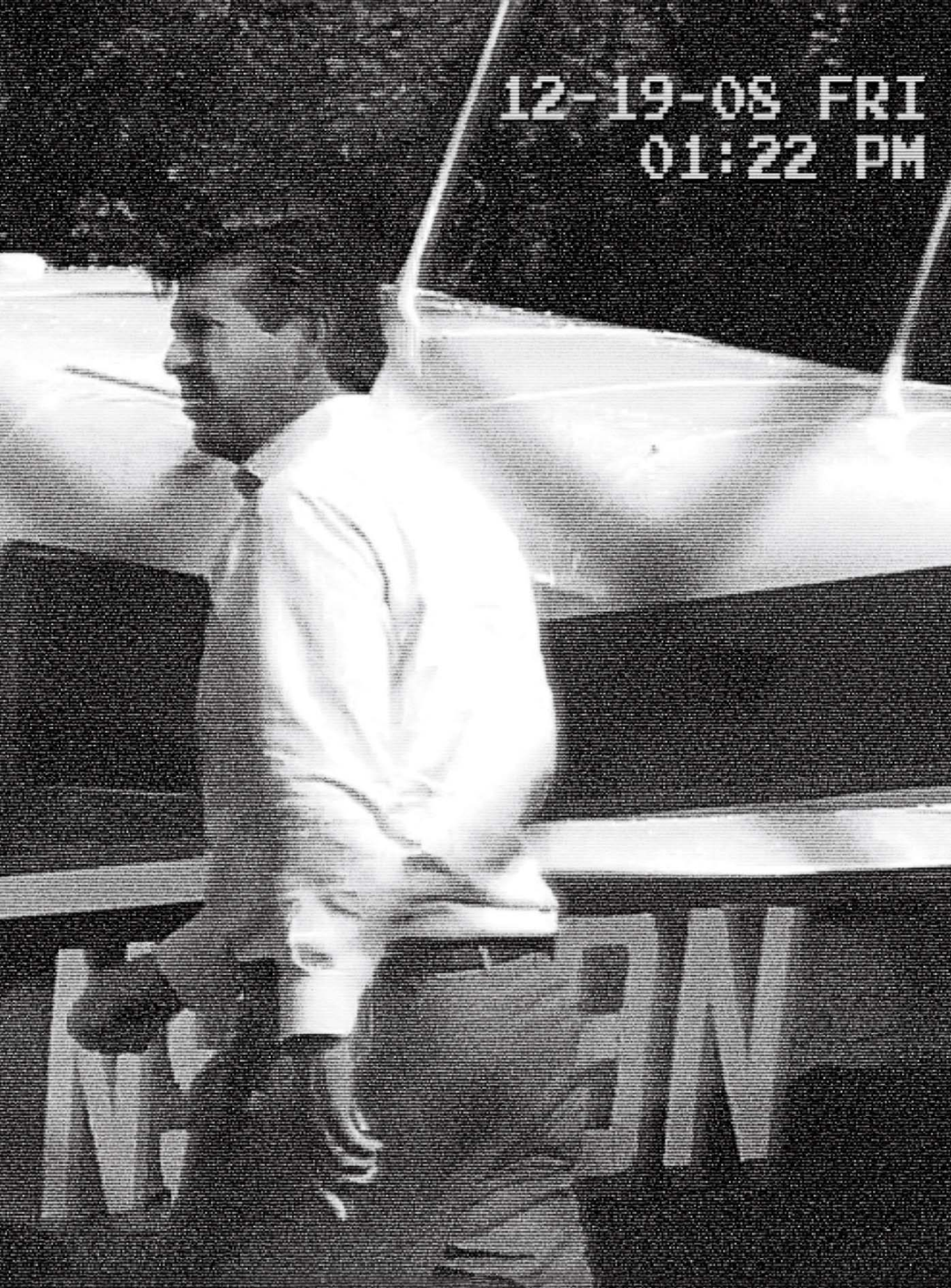
Connell with his Piper Saratoga shortly before his death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Shortly before six o'clock on the evening of December 19, 2008, a man standing outside his home in Lake Township, Ohio heard the whine of an engine in the sky above him. Moments later two red lights broke through the low clouds, heading almost directly toward the ground. • It was a light aircraft, and for a second, as it descended below the tree line, the man thought it would climb back up. Instead, there was a terrible thud, and the sky turned orange. • When the fire crews arrived, they found the burning wreckage of a Piper Saratoga strewn across a vacant lot. The plane had narrowly missed a house, but the explosion was so intense that the home's plastic siding was on fire. So was the grass. The pilot had been thrown from the plane and died instantly. Body parts and pieces of twisted metal were scattered everywhere. A prayer book lay open on the ground, its pages on fire.

The crash would have remained a private tragedy confined to the pages of the local press and the hearts of the pilot's widow and four children, but within days the blogosphere was abuzz with rumors and conspiracy theories: The plane, it was said, had been sabotaged and the pilot murdered to cover up the GOP's alleged theft of the Ohio vote in the 2004 presidential election. At the center of this plot was the Saratoga's pilot, a prodigiously gifted IT expert named Michael Connell, whose altar boy charm and technical brilliance had made him the computer whiz of choice for the Republican Party. Left-wing Web sites openly referred to Connell as "Bush's vote rigger" and claimed that his fingerprints were on all the most controversial elections in recent history. There were dark whispers of electronic pulses or sniper fire being used to bring down the plane—a black ops attack designed to keep him from testifying against his former cronies. Right-wing bloggers and talk show hosts derided such claims as the twisted delusions of liberal nut jobs and tinfoil hatters. The mainstream press sat on its hands.

But while the rumors, innuendos, and allegations continue to swirl through the ether, evidence has recently emerged that suggests the Ohio vote may have been hacked, and that Connell was involved.

Born in 1963 in Peoria, Illinois into a large Irish-American family, Michael Connell was a lifelong Republican and a devout Roman Catholic who went to Mass every day and wore a wristband saying WHAT WOULD JESUS DO? What Connell did was realize the potential of the Internet to shape politics. While still in his 20s, he worked as finance director for Republican Congressman Jim Leach, and as director of voter programs for Senator Dan Coats of Indiana. In 1988 Connell developed a voter contact database for George H.W. Bush, thus inaugurating a long association with the Bush family: Connell worked on Jeb's gubernatorial campaign in Florida in 1998; two years later he was the chief architect of George W. Bush's Web site as Dubya launched his bid for the White House.

But it was while serving as tech guru to Karl Rove that Connell developed his deepest and perhaps most problematic professional relationship. Recruited in the late '80s, Connell became Rove's most trusted cyberlieutenant: a Web wizard who could turn portals into power and who would gain access to the very heights of American politics by the time he reached 30 years old. Connell's two Ohio-based companies, New Media Communications and GovTech, became virtual research and development labs for the Republican Party, building and managing Web sites and e-mail accounts for both Presidents Bush and a long list of leading Republicans. GovTech also designed and managed numerous Congressional IT systems, including those for the House Intelligence and Judiciary committees, putting Connell "behind the fire wall" of some of the most sensitive government Web sites from the safety of the Bush White House.

"Mike was known as the GOP's Mister Fix-It," says Stephen Spoonamore, an IT security expert and friend of Connell's. "He built really intelligent tools that allowed people who wanted to win elections do a better job organizing their data." But aside from his more legitimate business, Connell was no stranger to the darker side of American politics. He was forced to resign from Senator Coats' campaign for his involvement in ethical violations. Connell's was also the hand behind the Web site for the notorious Swift Boat Veterans' for Truth smear campaign against John Kerry and GWB43.com, the secret e-mail account used by Rove and dozens of other White House staffers.

Just six weeks before his death, Connell had given a deposition in an Ohio lawsuit that accused Rove, Bush, and Co. of something far more serious than merely scrubbing e-mails: the theft of the 2004 Ohio vote. "This is the biggest scandal in our history," says Mark Crispin Miller, a professor at New York University who has written extensively about electronic voter fraud. "Watergate grew out of a paranoid attempt to disable the opposition. But Ohio was exponentially different. We're talking about a systematic, centralized attempt to rig the voting system."

"We decided to try to bring a racketeering claim against Rove under Ohio law," says Cliff Arnebeck, the attorney who brought the suit, a broad-shouldered man with a Senatorial air dressed in a blue blazer. "We detected a pattern of criminal activity, and we identified Connell as a key witness, as the implementer for Rove."

By any calculation, the Ohio 2004 election was a black day for American democracy. Lou Harris, known as the "father of modern political polling," and a man not given to hyperbole, called it "as dirty an election as America has ever seen." All the exit polls suggested Ohio would go to Kerry. But when the vote was counted George Bush had won by 132,685 votes, adding Ohio's crucial 20 Electoral College votes to his tally. And putting him, not Kerry, into the White House. It has since been alleged that at several points on election night, the Ohio secretary of state's official Web site, which was responsible for reporting the results, was being hosted by a server in a basement in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Ohio's secretary of state in 2004 was a fiercely partisan Christian named Ken Blackwell. Blackwell had hired a company called GDC Limited to run the IT systems, which had subcontracted the job to Michael Connell's company, GovTech. Connell had in turn subcontracted SMARTech, an IT firm based in Chattanooga, to act, it was claimed, as a backup server.

"By looking at the URLs on the Web site, we discovered that there were three points on election night when SMARTech's computers took over from the secretary of state," says Arnebeck. "It is during that period that we believe votes were manipulated."

In computer jargon it is known as a man-in-the-middle attack.

"At the time I didn't know who SMARTech were," says IT expert Stephen Spoonamore, opening a file on his computer showing the Internet architecture map of the 2004 Ohio election. He points to a red box in the bottom right-hand corner showing SMARTech's server. "Then I found out: They host Rove's e-mails. They host the RNC's Web site. They host George Bush's Web site." His voice rises in disbelief. "I go, 'Holy shit, this is a man-in-the-middle attack! These guys have programmed the state's computers to talk to a company with ties to the Republican Party.' It's brilliant."

With his wiry hair and designer glasses, Spoonamore looks like a character in a Tim Burton movie. A lifelong Republican, he is also one of the world's acknowledged experts on cybersecurity, with a résumé that includes work for the U.S. armed forces and the FBI. In his spare time he has devoted thousands of hours to investigating cyberfraud in American elections. "I know I sound crazy when I talk about this stuff. No one wants to believe it. They say, 'No one would steal an election.' And I go, 'Yeah, they would. And that's exactly what they did.'"

Spoonamore believes that while Michael Connell may have facilitated electoral fraud, he was really just a tool of more powerful forces. "Mike has been called the Forrest Gump of GOP IT operations," he says. "And I think there's a truth to that. I think he was a good guy surrounded by wolves. He was always going to be the fall guy."

The two men had gotten to know each other at Spoonamore's Washington, D.C. offices in late 2005. "The two of us hit it off," recalls Spoonamore. "We were the same age, the same generation. We had a lot of friends in common." At the end of the meeting, Connell broached a delicate topic. "Mike asked me, 'How easy is it to destroy all records of e-mail?'" recalls Spoonamore. "He sort of gestured toward the White House and said, 'Because I have clients down

Jesse Jackson and Cliff Arnebeck testify before the House Judiciary Committee regarding the disputed 2004 Ohio vote.

Michael Connell in 2004 with one of the Web sites he designed for the GOP

Officials survey the wreckage of Michael Connell's Piper Saratoga, December 19, 2008.

A Diebold voting machine

An Ohio voter at the polls during the 2004 election

Karl Rove and George W. Bush, back in office, 2005

the street who are working on that problem.' And I stepped back and said, 'If you are talking about White House e-mail destruction, I want nothing to do with it.'"

A year later, at an IT conference in London, Spoonamore confronted the pro-life Connell about the Ohio election: "He said, 'I'm afraid that in my zeal to save the babies, the system I built may have been abused.'"

Three days later, in the back of a cab heading toward the airport, Spoonamore asked Connell if he would be willing to talk to a Congressional judiciary committee about what he knew. "I actually took Mike's hand and said, 'If I can arrange for a private meeting for you to sit down with the committee and explain what you think may have happened in 2004 and how your systems may have been abused, will you do it?' And he said, 'Yes.'"

Connell never did talk to the judiciary committee. But in the months leading up to his death he was under intense pressure. In an attempt to extricate himself from the world of politics, he had sold two of his businesses, including GovTech. Throughout the fall his plane was being tracked by Arnebeck and his associates so they could serve him with a subpoena. Connell sought refuge from the maelstrom in his deep Catholic faith. He took to wearing a scapular, two squares of cloth with religious images favored by devout Catholics, under his shirt. He went to Mass twice a day and became more directly involved with the pro-life movement, spending weekends standing outside abortion clinics. He traveled to Burma and Thailand to work with religious dissidents and started a Catholic charity in El Salvador.

Finally, on October 8, 2008, Connell was served with his subpoena at College Park Airfield outside Washington, D.C. Seven weeks later his Piper Saratoga would fall from the sky.

On December 18, Connell flew to D.C. to meet with the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic men's organization, about starting a new branch and rebuilding their Web site. He stayed the night at a hotel, got up early to attend Mass and then a breakfast meeting. At about 11 A.M., Connell went to College Park Airfield to prepare to fly home to Akron. His firm, New Media Communication, was holding its Christmas party that evening, and he didn't want to miss it. An experienced pilot with more than 500 hours of flight time under his belt, Connell waited for the weather to clear. Shortly after 3:30 P.M., he called his wife, Heather, in Ohio to say he had his "window." He took off at 3:51 P.M.

At first everything went fine. On his approach to Akron-Canton Regional Airport, he asked the tower if there were any reports of icing and was told there were not. It was certainly dark and cold, with cloud cover at 1,000 feet, but the plane had a sophisticated autopilot system that would normally bring it onto the runway, like a homing pigeon. But at 3,200 feet, as Connell began his descent, air traffic control radioed to say he was off course by several miles. Connell radioed that he would correct his position. Something seemed to be wrong with the lateral controls.

The audiotapes of Connell's last communications with the tower suggest a rising sense of panic and confusion. Realizing that he is still off course, he asks to do a 360-degree turn "to reestablish ourselves." It's an unusual maneuver at this late stage of the approach, and the flight controller denies the request. Instead, he advises Connell to "climb and maintain 3,000 feet." Seconds later there is a loud rushing sound as the cockpit bursts open and the engine goes haywire. Connell screams, "Nine nine November declaring an emergency!" Out of respect for his religious beliefs—and his children—the tower reported that his last words were, "Oh, God!" In fact, he cries out, "Oh, fuck!" Then the tape goes dead.

Capt. Lorin Geisner of the Greentown Fire Department was the first person to arrive at the scene. "We received a 911 call, so we contacted the tower and asked what size plane it was and how many souls were on board," he recalls. "But we were informed that the tower was in lockdown and that no information was available."

According to sources, there were other anomalies. Normally, a night crash scene would be roped off and investigated in daylight. In this case representatives of the NTSB and FAA used light towers to photograph and document the scene. Connell's plane was hastily removed to a secure hangar under cover of darkness. By 6 A.M. the investigators had vanished, leaving behind them a trail of debris, and one very angry widow.

"How is this OK?" asks Heather Connell, pulling a chunk of metal from a cardboard box she had brought in from the garage. She is kneeling on the floor of her husband's basement office, a tidy space decorated with sleek black office furniture. A photo of a 25-year-old Connell with George H.W. Bush sits on the bookshelf next to an action figure of Dubya decked out in fighter pilot garb. A cascade of frizzy blonde hair tumbles forward over Heather's face. Her eyes are red from crying. "They think this is part of the foot pedal."

When I ask how she met her husband, she starts to hum the '80s hit "Don't You Want Me." "She was working as waitress in a cocktail bar..." Then her voice falters. "That much is true. We met in Indiana. He was working for Senator Coats, and I was going to college and working at a sports bar. He was with a bunch of interns who came in. I carded every one of them and was in the process of kicking him out of the bar." She gives a throaty chuckle. "He was used to people fawning over him, and I think he liked me because I was mean."

"I didn't go to the crash site on the night he died," she says, picking another piece of debris from the box. As her husband began his final descent, Heather and the rest of the staff gathered at a restaurant for the company's annual Christmas party. "I got a message that his plane had landed," she recalls, choking back tears. "So I kept calling and calling." She winces at the memory. "This is making me sick again." Leaning back in her chair, she takes a drag of a cigarette. "They told me the plane had crashed and that he was dead, but I didn't want to believe it. I thought maybe he was on the way to the hospital, so I didn't go to the crash site until December 26." Her left nostril spasms. "I have pieces of my husband's brain!" she cries. "I picked them up with my hands six days after the crash. Chunks of his skin and internal organs. How is that a proper investigation? How is that acceptable? How dare they leave pieces of my husband lying there!"

She pulls out another storage box filled with personal items from the crash site: $50 in cash; a charred prayer book with a note inside it reading, "I love you"; a Mickey Mouse dollar bill. Something important is missing, though. "Why do I have his earpiece?" she asks, pulling out the Jawbone headset of a BlackBerry. "This was in his backpack. And the backpack was zipped. So where's his phone?"

"He always clips them next to each other," interjects her 15-year-old daughter, Lauren. It's an important detail because it suggests that the BlackBerry may have been intentionally removed from the backpack. On it were hundreds, if not thousands, of sensitive files and e-mails relating to Karl Rove and the Bush administration. "I want to know where my husband's phone is," Connell says angrily. "It's my responsibility as a mother and a spouse to find out what happened. And I will not accept 'Cause of crash unknown.' I will not."

Though she is furious at the NTSB, she has no time for the conspiracy theories. While she admits that Connell was disillusioned with politics, she bridles at any suggestion that he could have been involved with vote rigging. "With Mike there was religion, family, and a love for democracy," she says firmly. "He would never interfere with the democratic process. That's just ridiculous."

Connell's younger sister isn't so sure. "I knew he worked for the Bushes," says Shannon Connell. The two siblings had diametrically opposed views—Shannon Connell is a pro-Obama liberal—but they never allowed this to come between them. "We stayed close despite the political differences. He was my brother."

She doesn't know whether Connell helped steal elections. If he did, she says, it was because of his passionate anti-abortion views. "I think

he was convinced he was doing good—to save the babies," she says. "That's the only thing my sisters and I can come up with.

"Mike had been deposed, but he hadn't been called as a witness yet," she says of the possibility that her brother was murdered. "He was incredibly loyal to the people he worked for, but he would never have lied under oath. For want of a better expression, I think they played him. His death would have been a really nice Christmas present for Rove and Cheney.

"I am beyond looking for justice," she says, resigned. "I just want the truth to be known. But I am not counting on it." She may be right.

After more than nine months, the factual report into Connell's crash had still not been made public. According to an NTSB spokesperson, it was "still being reviewed." That's scant comfort to Connell's family, who just want some sense of closure, whatever the outcome.

Still, "In my mind and my heart," says Shannon Connell, "I am convinced he was murdered."

We may never know the truth about Connell's last flight, but contracts between Connell's company, GovTech, and Ken Blackwell's administration establish a credible scenario for electoral fraud and place Connell at the scene of the alleged crime.

Among other things, the contracts contradict Connell's sworn testimony that SMARTech, in Chattanooga, merely acted as a backup site for election data. The contracts, signed in March 2004, show that SMARTech was specifically tasked with creating a "mirror site" to manage election night results. "What this means is that Connell's company was on both sides of the mirror," explains Stephen Spoonamore. "And that the votes of the people of Ohio were in the control of a fiercely partisan IT company (SMARTech) and operating out of another state."

Clouding matters further is the persistent specter of paranoid conspiracy that has enveloped the case from the beginning. In September 2009, an anonymous letter was sent to the FBI in Ohio and five other addressees, including Heather Connell. "Enclosed is a document that is not meant to exist," begins the anonymous writer. Included is what purports to be an "after action report" by a black ops agent. All names have been redacted, but the report provides a detailed time log of actions taken to install an AMD (microprocessor) in the engine of Connell's plane at College Park Airfield in D.C. the night before he made his fatal last flight. Connell himself is not mentioned by name. Just the registration number of his plane, NP299N, which the agent confirms he had been sent to "neutralize." The letter accompanying the report is headed MICHAEL CONNELL, HOMICIDE. It ends with the words: "Connell was not NST (national security threat)."

While skeptics may be tempted to dismiss these documents as the ingenious work of a hoaxer intent on pouring gasoline on the bonfire of conspiracy theories already surrounding Connell, a number of experts from the intelligence community who have seen the document believe it to be genuine.

In early November, the NTSB finally released its factual report into Connell's crash. The report concludes that tests carried out on the plane's engine, flight control, and autopilot systems revealed "no anomalies that would have precluded normal operation."

A spokeswoman for the NTSB confirmed that the organization had received a copy of the anonymous letter, but would not say whether its claims were being looked into. "We're investigating the accident," she says, "not any possible criminal activity." She adds that the NTSB forwarded the letter to the FBI in Cleveland. When asked to confirm this, Scott Wilson at the FBI's Cleveland bureau, says, "The only thing I can say is...I can't say anything."

Ultimately, only a full criminal investigation can determine the truth about Ohio '04 and the death of Michael Connell. Robert Kennedy Jr., who sought Connell's cooperation during an investigation into the election, believes the current administration should pursue the matter. "I think this is more serious than Watergate," he says. "Watergate was essentially about winning the battle for public opinion. That's why the break-in took place—to gather strategic information about Democratic strategy and dirt. But the electoral process remained intact. The Ohio vote undermines the very foundation stone of American democracy. There should be an official investigation. Otherwise this becomes a blueprint for how to steal an election from here to eternity."

That may not be enough for Connell's widow. When I first spoke to her on the phone, Heather Connell was adamant that her husband's plane crash had been an accident, God's will. But she is no longer so sure. "This is a messed-up case of whether Karl Rove threatened my husband or not," she says. I ask her directly if she now believes her husband could have been murdered. She takes a deep drag of her cigarette and, choking back tears, says: "I don't know. I don't know."

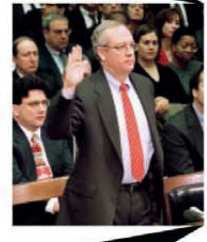
"RICKY RICARDO SHOT JFK!"

SOME CONSPIRACY THEORIES ARE MORE PLAUSIBLE THAN OTHERS.

1963: JFK's Assassination
This granddaddy of all conspiracy theories postulates that JFK was killed by the CIA. Or Cuban nationals. Or the Mob. Or LBJ. In the end it was ruled that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone. (Don't tell Oliver Stone.)
PLAUSIBILITY: [4]

1972: Watergate
It wasn't the crime but the cover-up. At first skeptics were shocked—shocked!—that the president would conspire to defraud the American public. But in the end the tapes didn't lie.
PLAUSIBILITY: [10]

1993: The Clinton Body Count
Bubba found himself mired in a slew of scandals, but the theory that he was assassinating people who got in his way (50-plus victims) was the most explosive. And the most ludicrous.
PLAUSIBILITY: [1]



1998: The Vast Right-Wing Conspiracy
Conservatives cried foul when Hillary Clinton claimed they were conspiring to derail Bill's presidency, but given the sheer volume of their accusations, she may have had a point.
PLAUSIBILITY: [5]

2001: 9/11
Most of the theories surrounding 9/11 claim that Dubya's crew either had advance knowledge of the attacks or—more disturbingly—that the "attacks" were staged to give them an excuse to go to war.
PLAUSIBILITY: [1]

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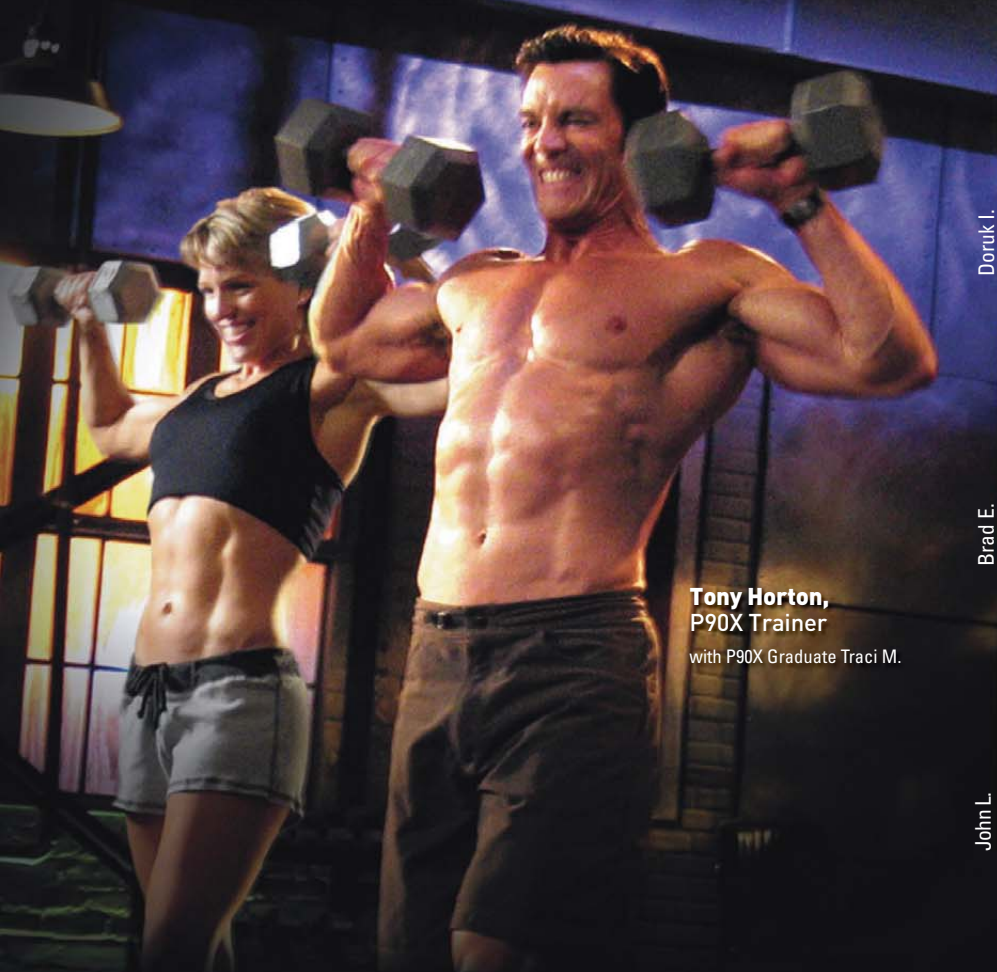

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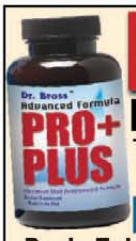

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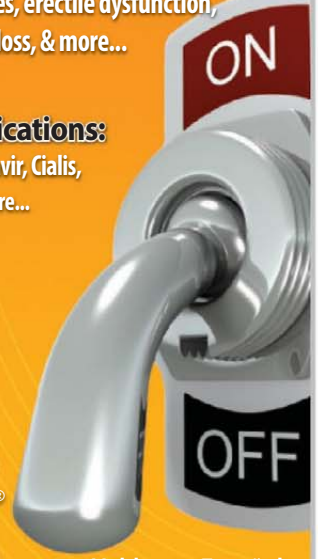

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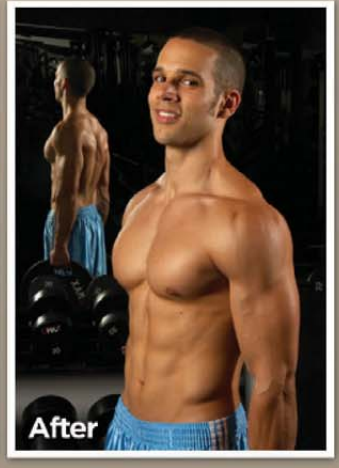

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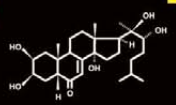

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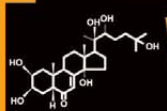

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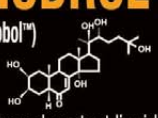

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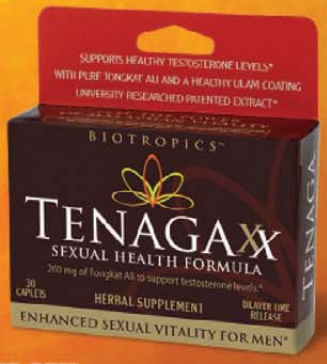

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